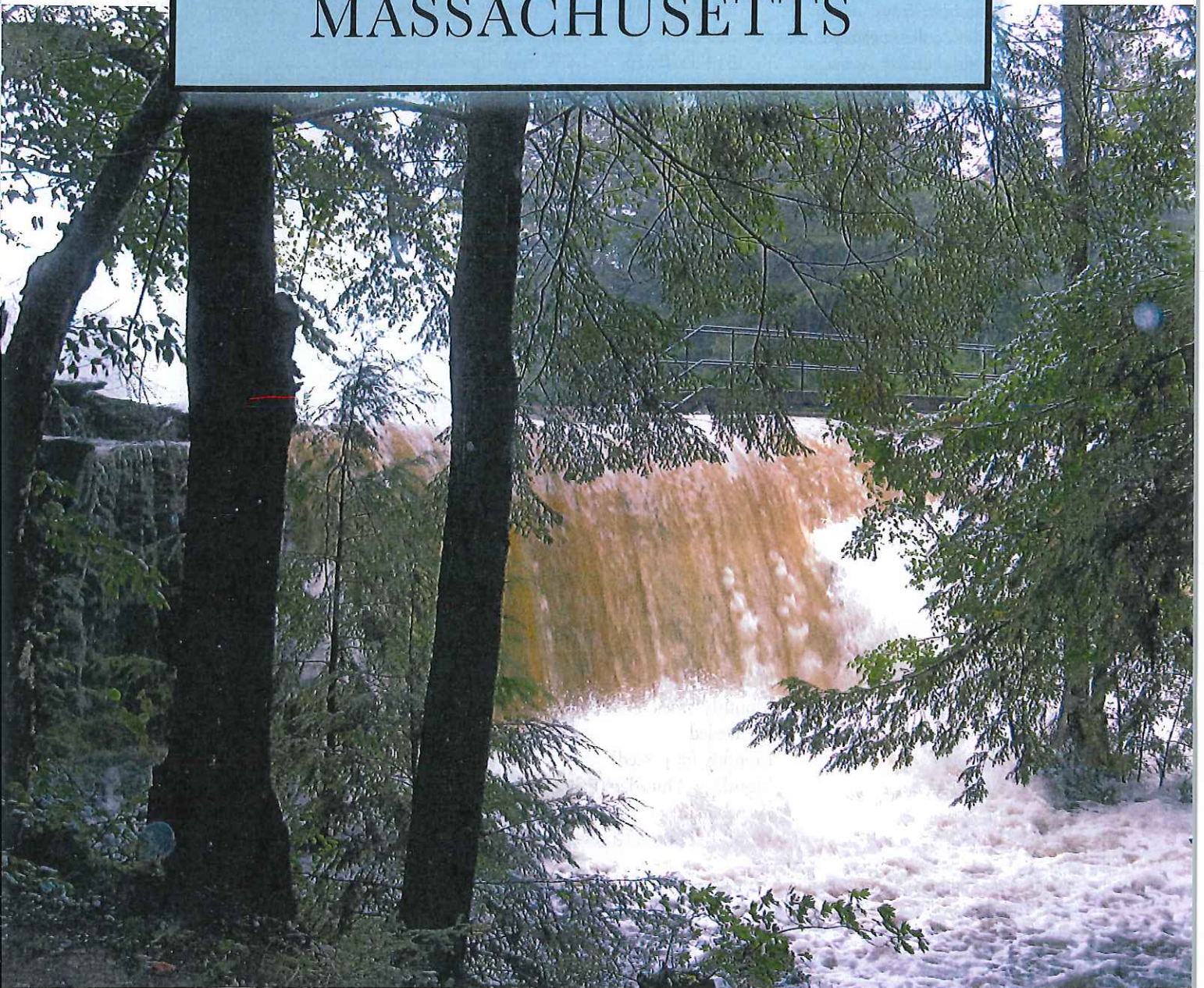


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# Town of Rowe - Town Information and Meeting Schedules

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Town Hall	Phone: 413-339-5520
PO Box 462	Fax Number: 413-339-5316
321 Zoar Road	Email: admin@rowe-ma.gov
Rowe MA 01367	Web Site: www.rowe-ma.gov

Board of Selectmen	339-5520 x11	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
Town Coordinator admin@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 x11	Police Chief policechief@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 x17 or 339-0139
Accountant admin@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 x11	Fire Chief firechief@rowe-ma.gov	339-4021 or 339-6677
Assessors' Clerk collector@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 x19	Animal Inspector	339-5533
Board of Health boh@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 x16	DPW Supt. dpw@rowe-ma.gov	339-5588
Tax Collector collector@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 x19	Dog Officer	339-5533
Town Clerk townclerk@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 x14	Building Inspector www.fccip.org	772-2026 x 124
Town Nurse nurse@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 x20	Plumbing/Gas Inspector www.fccip.org	772-2026 x 125
Treasurer treasurer@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 x12	Wiring Inspector www.fccip.org	772-2026 x 126

Administrative Offices	Mon -Thurs	9:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Assessors' Clerk	Wednesday	9:00 am to Noon
Police Chief	Wednesday	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Town Clerk	Tuesday	4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Tax Collector	Thursday	9:00 am to Noon
Treasurer		
Town Nurse	Mon/Wed/Fri	9:00 am to 5:00 pm (home visits by appointment)
Library	3 Days/Week:	Tues 10 am-5 pm, Wed 10 am-8 pm, Sat 10 am-5 pm
Transfer Station	3 Days/Week:	Wed 7-10 am and 4-7 pm, Sat 10 am-4 pm, Sun 12 noon-4 pm

<b>Board/Commission</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Location</b>
Board of Selectmen	Alternate Wednesdays (7:00 pm)	Rowe Town Hall
Assessors	Monthly (as posted)	Rowe Town Hall
Board of Health	Twice Monthly - Tuesdays (7:00 pm)	Rowe Town Hall
Cemetery Commission	As needed	Rowe Town Hall
Conservation Commission	As needed	Rowe Town Hall
Council on Aging	Monthly - First Thursday (10:00 am)	Gracy House
Finance Committee	As needed	Rowe Town Hall
Library Trustees	Monthly (as posted)	Rowe Town Library
Park Commission	Monthly - Thursday (6:30 pm)	Rowe Town Hall
Planning Board	As needed	Rowe Town Hall
School Committee	Monthly - Second Tuesday (6:30 pm)	Rowe Elementary School

All Board, Committee and Commission meetings are held as posted on the Town Hall Official Bulletin Board per MA Open Meeting Law, with the agenda posted at least 48 hours (not including Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays) prior to the time and date of the meeting. Please check official bulletin board as meeting dates/times may change. All meetings are public and citizens are encouraged to attend. Meetings are also posted on the town website [www.rowe-ma.gov](http://www.rowe-ma.gov)

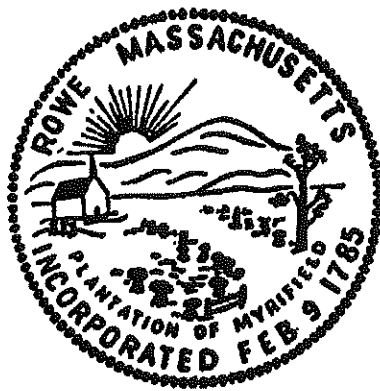
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*Two Hundred and Twenty-Fifth*

# Annual Report

of the

## Town of Rowe Massachusetts



For the Year Ending  
*December 31, 2011*

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# DEDICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT

*This report is dedicated to*

**WILLIAM A. FOSTER**



*Bill and Bernice Foster*



*Bill keeping his lovely yard spruced up.*

*Bill Foster assumed office as Rowe's Building Inspector on July 31, 1977. He served the town faithfully for thirty-eight years, retiring on May 31, 2011. Thank you, Bill, for your many, many years of exemplary service to the townspeople of Rowe.*

*Photos by Dick Tower*



# *In Fond Remembrance*



Dick and his pal Archie  
*Tower Photo*

**Richard A. Tower**  
January 28, 1936 – April 15, 2011  
Died in Greenfield, MA



# Town of Rowe

## County of Franklin

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

(First Settlement—Fort Pelham 1744 – Originally Known as the Plantation of Myrifiield)  
Incorporated February 9, 1785

Population:	393 (2010 U.S. Census)
Population:	390 (Town census)
Total Area:	24.07 Square Miles
Land Area:	23.55 Square Miles
Public Roads:	36.24 Miles
Elevation:	1,396 Feet
Longitude:	W 072 53 55
Latitude:	N 42 41 42

FORM OF GOVERNMENT:	Board of Selectmen; Open Town Meeting
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:	Second Monday in May
ANNUAL ELECTION:	First Saturday following Annual Town Meeting

#### Fiscal Year 2011 Tax Rates and Assessed Valuations:

CLASS	TAX RATE	VALUATION	LEVY	% OF TOTAL
Residential	\$ 5.33 per thousand	51,096,133.00	272,342.39	9.106%
Commercial	11.56 per thousand	331,671.00	3,834.12	0.128%
Industrial	11.56 per thousand	132,156,698.00	1,527,731.43	51.087%
Personal Property	11.56 per thousand	102,646,760.00	1,186,596.55	39.679%
<b>Total</b>		<b>286,231,262.00</b>	<b>2,990,504.49</b>	<b>100.000%</b>

#### Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriations and Charges

Appropriations	3,497,227.65
Cherry Sheet Offsets	273,080.00
Cherry Sheet Charges	56,286.00
Snow & Ice Deficit	0.00
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	6,580.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,833,174.14</b>

#### Fiscal Year 2011 Revenue Sources

Tax Levy	2,990,504.49
Cherry Sheet	195,062.00
Local Receipts	72,650.00
Free Cash	142,164.00
Other Available Funds	432,793.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,833,174.14</b>

# Elected Town Officials

<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>		<b>MODERATOR</b>	
Robert J. Clancy (elected 10-1-2011)	2012	Robert J. Clancy	2013
Paul McLatchy III, Chair	2013		
Noel R. Abbott	2014		
<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</b>		<b>PARK COMMISSION</b>	
Carrie Y. Silva	2012	Michael S. Laffond	2012
Heidi Cousineau	2013	Bruce W. Cowie	2013
Frederick N. Williams, Chair	2014	MaryJo A. Fuller, Chair	2014
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>		<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	
Angela F. Foshay	2012	Jo-ann M. Brown	2012
David Cousineau, Chair	2013	Robert Dykeman	2013
Jo-ann M. Brown <sup>1</sup>	2012	Douglas Wilson <sup>1</sup>	2012
		John H. Williams	2015
		Marilyn H. Belval <sup>3</sup>	2016
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSION</b>		<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>	
Danette Reynolds-Gallagher <sup>2</sup>	2012	Lisa A. Danek-Burke	2012
James H. Williams	2013	Lisa L. Miller	2013
James W. Taylor	2014	William A. Loomis, Chair	2014
<b>CONSTABLE</b>		<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>	
Robert L. Dykeman	2014	Sandra P. Daviau	2013
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>		<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	
Susan C. Wood, Chair	2012	Jennifer Morse Sprague	2014
Margaret Parent <sup>2</sup>	2012		
Myra B. Carlow	2013		
Marilyn Wilson	2014		
Dennis F. May <sup>1</sup>	2012	<b>TREASURER</b>	
		Heidi Cousineau	2014
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>			
Evelyn L. Dandeneau, Chair	2012		
Claudine M. Poplawski	2013		
Catherine T. Snyder <sup>1</sup>	2012		

<sup>1</sup> Appointed to serve until May 2012 (Vacancy expires 2014)  
<sup>2</sup> Appointed to serve until May 2012 (Vacancy expires 2012)  
<sup>3</sup> Appointed to serve until May 2012 (Vacancy expires 2016)

# Town of Rowe - Appointed Town Officials

(Unless otherwise specified, appointments are made by Board of Selectmen and expire June 2011)

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ASSISTANT to ACCOUNTANT

Sandra P. Daviau (5-24-11)

## AGENT FOR VETERANS

David F. Scrivens (6-8-11)

## AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION 3 yr term, staggered

Carol F. Lively (3 yrs – exp 2014) (6-24-08)(5-24-11)  
Debra Crowningshield (3 yrs—expires 2012) (5-27-09)  
Jonathon Lively (7-10-07+5-26-10) expires 2013  
MaryJo A. Phelps (10-16-07+5-26-10) expires 2013  
[Vacant]

## ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Russell L. Powers (nominated 3-16-11)  
Appointed by MA DAR Dir. of Animal Health 4-6-2011

## AUDIT COMMITTEE (11-16-11)

Prudence Berry  
Walter Quist  
Marilyn Wilson

## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE (5-25-11)

Jo-ann M. Brown  
Thomas L. Chiofalo (8-17-11)  
John Magnago (9-14-11)  
Ellen B. Miller  
MaryJo A. Fuller  
Christine Tower (9-14-11)  
Richard A. Tower  
John H. Williams

## BROADBAND & TELECOM COMMITTEE COMMITTEE DISBANDED BY BOS 12-7-2011

## BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

Paul McLatchy III (7-6-11)  
Ellen B. Miller (7-20-11)  
Ellynn B. Packard (7-20-11)

## CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Ellen L. Babcock (5-24-11)

## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE

COORDINATOR Edwin L. May (5-24-11)

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3-yr term stag)

Prudence Berry (8-21-07+5-26-10) exp 6/2013  
Robert J. Clancy (7-10-07+5-26-10) exp 6/2013  
Myra B. Carlow (5-24-11) exp 6/2014  
Michael S. Laffond (8-19-09) exp 6/2012  
Robert R. Rice (5-27-09) exp 6/2012

## CONSTABLE

Sandra P. Daviau (5-24-11)

## COUNCIL ON AGING (5-25-11)

Marilyn Belval  
Jo-ann M. Brown, Secretary  
Sandy P. Daviau, Co-Chair & Treasurer  
Mary Ann Dykeman  
Doris C. Fensky  
Christine A. Tower, Co-Chair  
Shirley Veber

## CULTURAL COUNCIL MAX 2 (3) yr terms, staggered

Barbara J. Roche (6-27-06+6-10-09) (max June 2012)  
Elizabeth Vernes (6-27-06+5-27-09) (max June 2012)  
Kerri L. McLatchy (11-13-07+2-2-11) [max 2/2014]  
Meghan K. McLatchy (11-13-07+2-2-11) [max 2/2014]  
Robin Booth (09-16-09) [exp 9/2012--max Sept 2015]  
Ellynn B. Packard (6-22-10) (exp 6/2013--max June 2016)

## DOG OFFICER

Russell L. Powers (5-24-11)

## DPW SUPERINTENDENT

James W. Taylor (5-24-11)

## DPW ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER

James W. Taylor (5-24-11)

## DPW TREE WARDEN

James W. Taylor (5-24-11)

## DPW SUPT. OF INSECT PEST/ELM DISEASE CONTROL

James W. Taylor (5-24-11)

## ELECTION OFFICERS

None (appointed at each election)

## ELECTION TELLERS/WORKERS (7-6-11)

Noel R. Abbott	(U)
Prudence Berry	(D)
Marjorie H. Morse	(U)
Mary E. Paige	(R)
Robin W. Reed	(D)
Shirley Veber	(R)

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Edwin L. May (5-24-11)

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (5-24-11)

Gail May, EMT, EMS Coordinator  
Christopher Selmi Hyytinen, EMT

## ENERGY COMMITTEE (5-18-11)

Paul McLatchy III  
John R. H. Packard  
Barbara J. Roche  
Robin Booth (12-7-11)  
Abigail Phelps (12-7-11)  
Dana Williams (12-21-11)  
Abigail Lively (12-21-11)



**FENCE VIEWERS (2)**

Paul McLatchy III (5-25-11)  
Noel R. Abbott

**FIELD DRIVERS (2) (5-25-11) [c49; Art III §6]**

Sandra P. Daviau  
Susan C. Wood

**FIRE CHIEF**

Paul McLatchy, Jr. (10-4-11)

**FIRE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATOR**

Edwin L. May (5-24-11)

**FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS (9-6-11—retro to 7-1-11)**

Deputy Chief - Dennis F. May  
Captain - Jonathan Lively  
Captain - Paul McLatchy  
Lieutenant - Robert J. Clancy  
Lieutenant - Matthew R. Crowningshield

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Paul McLatchy Jr (10-4-11)

**GRACY HOUSE COMMITTEE (5-25-11)**

Marilyn H. Belval  
Mary Ann Dykeman  
Robert Dykeman  
Cynthia M. Laffond  
Leonard J. Laffond  
Sharon C. Hudson (Assoc member)  
Judith A. Pierce (Assoc member)  
John H. Williams (Assoc member)

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTROL OFFICER**

Edwin L. May (5-24-11)

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION - 3-yr term, staggered**

John H. Williams 3-Yr Term Exp 2013(5-26-10)  
Sharon C. Hudson 3-Yr Trm Exp 2011 (10-15-08)(5-25-11)  
Judith A. Pierce 3-Yr Term Exp 2012 (5-27-09)

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

FCCIP/James Hawkins (5-24-11)

**INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING & GAS (5-26-10)**

FCCIP/Andrew French

**INSPECTOR OF WIRING (5-26-10)**

FCCIP/Tom McDonald and Jim Slowinski

**MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK, LUMBER (3) (5-25-11)**

Robert R. Rice  
James H. Williams  
Thomas P. Danek, Jr.

**OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE JULY 2011 (5-25-11)**

Jo-ann M. Brown  
Robert L. Dykeman  
Sean R. Loomis

John Magnago  
Paul McLatchy III  
Ellen B. Miller  
Ellynn B. Packard  
Christine A. Tower

**POUNDKEEPER (5-26-10) [c49; Art III §6]**

Sandra P. Daviau

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (7-6-11)**

Lisa L. Miller (D)  
Judith A. Pierce (R)  
Helen R. Shields (D)  
Jennifer A. Morse Sprague (D)

**REGISTRAR, ASSISTANT**

Ellen B. Miller (U)

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER - CHIEF**

Henry J. Dandeneau (5-24-11)

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

C. Selmi Hyytinen (6-22-11)  
Julie J. Shippee (6-22-11)

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT (3 yrs—expires 2014)**

Ellen B. Miller (5-25-11)

**TOWN COORDINATOR (3 yrs—expires 2014)**

Ellen B. Miller (5-25-11)

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Joel B. Bard  
Kopelman and Paige, PC (5-24-11)

**TOWN TREASURER , TEMPORARY**

Susan A. Williams (9-29-11)

**YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC Company  
CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD (CAB) (5-25-11)**

Leonard J. Laffond

**YANKEE LAND COMMITTEE (5-25-11)**

Leonard J. Laffond  
William A. Loomis  
Walter J. Quist, Chair  
John H. Williams  
[Vacant]

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (5) (3-YEAR TERM)**

Leonard J. Laffond, Term Expires 2012 (5-27-09)  
Russell W. Jolly, Term Expires 2013 (5-19-10)  
Marilyn Wilson, Term Exp 2014 (09-30-08) (5-25-11)  
Paul McLatchy III, Term Exp 2013 (5-26-10)  
Robert Dykeman, Term Exp 2013 (5-26-10)

**ZBA ALTERNATES (2) (3-yr term)**

RESCINDED 7-20-2011 on advice of Town Councse, due to  
lack of authority to make such appointments

## **Regional Committees**

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### **CARL NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Rebecca Bradley (5-25-11)

### **CDBG 2007, 2008 and 2009 Housing Rehab Program**

#### **Citizen Advisory Committees**

Mary E. Paige, Rowe Representative  
(6-24-08, 10-28-08 and 5-27-09, respectively)

### **FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE INSPECTION PROGRAM, Rep to**

Ellen B. Miller

### **FRANKLIN CTY SOLID WASTE MGMT DIST, Rep to**

Edwin A. Palmer (5-12-10)  
James W. Lively, Alternate (5-12-10)

### **FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVTS**

Noel R. Abbott, Representative (5-25-11)  
Paul McLatchy III, Alternate Representative (8-17-11)

### **FRANKLIN REGIONAL PLANNING BD, BOS Rep**

[Vacant]

### **FRANKLIN REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY REP**

Paul McLatchy III (12-14-11)

### **MBI (MA BROADBAND INSTITUTE) Community Rep**

Ellen B. Miller (5-25-11)

### **MMAC (Mohawk Municipal Advisory Committee), Rep to**

William A. Loomis (5-25-11)

### **MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT MANAGER (7-20-11)**

Noel R. Abbott

### **WIRED WEST DELEGATE (7-20-11)**

Noel R. Abbott

### **WIRED WEST ALTERNATE DELEGATE (7-20-11)**

Daniel J. Wessman

### **WIRED WEST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (5-25-11)**

David Dvore, Alternate Representative  
Russell Jolly, Alternate Representative  
Daniel Wessman, Alternate Representative  
Noel Abbott, Alternate Representative

## **Board of Health Appointments (6-6-11)**

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### **CLERK**

Marcella Stafford Gore

### **HEALTH AGENT**

Lisa A. Danek-Burke

### **TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS**

James W. Lively  
Edwin A. Palmer  
Julie J. Shippee, Alternate

### **TOWN NURSE**

Sheila M. Litchfield

## **Resignations of Elected Officials**

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### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Jennifer Y. Wood – effective July 11, 2011

### **PLANNING BOARD**

David Roberson – effective May 19, 2011  
Sharon C. Hudson – effective Nov 30, 2011

## **Appointments to Fill Elected Position Vacancies**

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### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Catherine T. Snyder (9-14-2011)  
Appointed by BOS (at recomm of E Dandeneau, LT Chair)

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Dennis F. May (9-14-2011)  
Joint appointment by BOS/FinCom

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Jo-ann M. Brown (8-17-2011)  
Joint appointment by BOS/BOH

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Douglas Wilson (6-23-2011)  
Joint appointment by BOS/PB

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Margaret Parent (6-22-2011)  
Joint appointment by BOS/FinCom



# PART I

## Reports of Committees, Departments and Boards



# Board of Selectmen

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## New Member

In May, Rowe newcomer Noel Abbott was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Selectmen. After organizing, Paul McLatchy III was re-elected chair.

In July, the board was saddened by the resignation of Jennifer Wood, who had served the town for over a year.

The Board called for a special election to be held October 1<sup>st</sup> to fill the remaining months of Jenn's unexpired term. Bob Clancy was subsequently elected. After welcoming him, the Board re-organized and unanimously elected Noel Abbott as chairman.

## Appointments

One of the primary duties of the Selectboard is to appoint the various boards, committees, and officials. Though we are a small town, there are over 100 positions appointed annually. We thank these volunteers for their service to the town.

## FY 2012 Budget

The Select Board again worked with the Finance Committee to produce a budget for the voters to approve. At the Annual Town Meeting voters approved a budget that was \$130,000 in excess of the tax revenues, but nevertheless reflected the will of the people. To balance the budget a second Annual Town Meeting was held on June 7<sup>th</sup> and the \$130K overage was covered by a Free Cash appropriation.

## Capital Stabilization Fund

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is used to help plan for the replacement of items that have a useful life of five years or more. This prevents departments that have large items (such as a new fire engine or DPW vehicle) from overwhelming the annual budget. A Capital Stabilization Fund (CSF) was put in place in FY2008 by voters to pay for items in the CIP. Initial funding for the CIP was put in place via a Prop 2½ override vote of \$150K and a town meeting transfer of \$1,100,000 from the Stabilization Fund. Once the CSF was established, the Selectboard had the option to continue adding to the fund each year by raising on the Tax Recap Sheet an amount equal to or lesser than the previous year's amount—plus 2½%. Since the original FY2008 vote, the Board has funded the CSF at the maximum amount allowed each year. In FY2011 \$161,534 was added to the CIP; in FY2012 we added \$165,572. [For FY2013 we again voted to add the maximum—\$169,711.]

In 2011 the following CIP items were purchased with CSF funds: a new pontoon boat and ADA ramp for the new lavatory building at the Park, two new vehicles for the DPW (½ ton pick-up truck and front end loader), new treadmill for the TH Fitness Center, paving of the School parking lot and driveway, new garage for the School, and engineering inspections of the Mill Pond and Pelham Lake dams.

## Energy Updates

Due to the countless hours put in by the Energy Committee, the Town of Rowe was officially designated a "Green Community" in December. This designation came with a grant in the amount of \$135,725 for energy-related projects for the town.

To BJ Roche, Paul McLatchy III, Sharon Hudson, Dana Williams, Carol Lively, Bill Loomis, Dan Miller, Abby Phelps and Robin Booth...we thank you all so much for your dedication and hard work. Another big "thank you" to Ellen Miller who handled the mountain of paperwork needed to apply for the designation.

The Board would like to give an extra special thank-you to Jack Packard who has gone above and beyond the call of duty more times than we can count. It is almost certain this project would not have happened without Jack's leadership and willingness to cooperate with other boards. Thank you.

But, even with all the work put in by volunteers, this could only have occurred with the help of the voters, who voted overwhelmingly to approve the requirements needed to join Green Communities. We thank you all for looking to the future.

## Public Safety

We'd like to thank our public safety personnel for the dedication and time they've given to this town.

In October, Paul McLatchy Jr. was appointed as Fire Chief. Paul brings over twenty years of experience to the position and has many new ideas to rejuvenate the Department.

We'd like to thank our Fire Department Administrative Clerk Ed May, our Fire Officers and Firefighters, First Responders, EMS Coordinator/EMT Gail May and EMT Selmi Hyytinen for their dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents.

A big "thank you" to our Police Chief Henry Dandeneau, and Police Officers Selmi Hyytinen and Julie Shippee for their service to the town this past year. It pleases the Selectboard to know the citizens have three excellent officers there to watch over the town.

## Department of Public Works

A big "thank you" to Jim Taylor, Matt Crowningshield, Lance Larned and Rick Hamilton for doing a great job keeping our roads and public areas in such great condition, especially after Hurricane Irene's visit to our neck of the woods last August.

## Building Department

A special mention and thank you goes to Bill Foster who retired May 2011 after serving the town for 37 years as Inspector of Buildings. The Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program

(FCCIP) now handles all building-related activity for the town (building, wiring, plumbing and gas permits and inspections).

### Town Hall Staff

We'd like to give our employees a big round of applause for the work they've done for us. Sandy Daviau, Ellen Miller, and Julie Shippee have been enormously helpful over the past year. The daily business of the town would not be possible without your service.

A special thank you goes to Ellen Miller, who serves as the Town Coordinator and Town Accountant. In her work she assists the Selectboard, other boards, and residents to accomplish their tasks. Ellen has been wonderful to put up with the Selectboard meetings that run until 10:00 at night and still gets up the next morning to tackle the mountain of tasks we ask her to do. It's very likely that the Selectboard would cease to function if we didn't have Ellen.

### Fond Memories

We pay tribute to our friend and long-time town employee (retired) Richard Tower who passed away in April 2011. We are deeply saddened by his passing, and will miss him.

Respectfully submitted,

Noel R. Abbott, Chairman  
Paul McLatchy III  
Robert J. Clancy

## Animal Inspector

State animal/barn inspections went as they should. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation.

### Annual Count

Annual count of farm animals showed a decrease of 53 from last year's count of 270. The decrease was mostly in the chicken count.

	Adult	Young
Dairy Cattle	1	-
Beef Cattle	20	11
Steer Cattle	6	-
Oxen Cattle	-	-
Goats	12	5
Sheep	7	-
Horses	26	-
Ponies	2	-
Donkeys	-	-
Mules	-	-
Chickens	107	-
Turkeys	-	-
Ratites	-	-
Waterfowl	17	-
Gamebirds	-	-
Rabbits	3	-
Sub-Total	201	16
TOTAL		217

Sincerely,

Russ Powers  
Animal Inspector

## Beautification Committee

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The hamlet of Rowe wore an almost constant blanket of snow, winter of 2010-11. This made Spring's debut almost sweeter with the myriad showings of daffodils on Hazelton and Tunnel Roads, compliments of Millers, Lenth and Besgens. Entrance to Rowe proper also had an array.

Beaver hunger removed the two dogwoods by the Library, but the Board of Trustees has placed some lilacs from the Soule property there in hopes they will provide future color and that special fragrance found only in New England.

Sean Loomis readied various beds around the municipal center and some traffic islands. The Veterans' Memorial bed was planted with red geraniums (by veterans), white begonias and blue petunia Wave.

The Gazebo held its warm-weather bouquets of deep rose geraniums. Hanging baskets were also placed at the Gracy House, Unitarian Church's wishing well, the Town Common wishing well, and side entrance to the Town Hall. Peonies around Gazebo...a delight.

Once again kudos to Ron & Rosie Gordon for their dedication and reliability maintaining all these by watering and fertilizing as needed.

Jodi and Rosie transplanted the "Charlie Brown" lilac from its place near the British red telephone box to the front yard of the Gracy House with hopes it will grow more sturdy at this locale.

Many thanks to Dave & Betty Lenth and Cindy Laffond for the planting and care of the gorgeous red and white impatiens that overflowed the town "watering tub of old." Also, thank you to "whomever" does the barrels of cascading petunias fronting the fire station. The cherry-colored Knock-Out roses that adorn the town common's split rail fence did not seem as abundant, sadly. Hard to believe "Bucky Beaver" likes thorns!

The committee welcomes new members Thom Chiofalo, Johnny Magnago and Christine Tower. We truly mourn long-time member and contributor Dick Tower. Think of him when you see the three beautiful Rose of Sharon shrubs in bloom...especially the blue one—his favorite.

A special thank you to Walt Quist for clearing the front of the Library—freeing the rhododendra, holly berries, and azaleas. Thom used his expertise on greenery siding the Library steps.

Come Autumn, Jodi placed scarecrows and mums around the town green, including a mum for the Gracy property. This year the Library sported some colorful mums in their window boxes. Another thank you to Dave Lenth for the enormous bright pumpkins to brighten the Fall season. Chris Tower provided cornstalks placed near the wishing well.

Then, year's end. Mary Jo did a smashing job, as usual, with wreaths, ribbons and garlands. The town wore a festive air with lights: white at the Gracy House porch, the Kemp-McCarthy Museum, the Gazebo and Town Hall shrubs; and colored lights on the town fir tree and at the Library. The candles in the windows of the Gracy House cast their special glow also.

We thank all other committees responsible for adding beauty to Rowe as the seasons turned.

Hoping I have thanked one and all. Feel free to join us.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann (Jodi) Brown  
Chair

**Members:**

Jodi Brown  
Jack Williams  
Ellen Miller  
Mary Jo Fuller  
Thom Chiofalo  
Johnny Magnago  
Christine Tower

# Board of Health

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Chairman Catherine Snyder's employment as a nurse prevented her from serving a second term, and after the election we were left with only two members. Joann Brown graciously accepted appointment to fill the vacant seat. David Cousineau was elected Chairman. We thank Cathy for her three years of dedicated service.

## Board of Health Clerk

We welcomed our new clerk, Marcella Stafford Gore in January. Marcella came to us with 15 years of experience in civic affairs in neighboring Monroe where she lives and still serves as town clerk, clerk to the Select Board and postal agent.

## Board of Health Agent

Lisa Danek Burke again accepted appointment as Health Agent for the town. Accompanied by a board member, she conducts inspections (food establishments, bed and breakfasts, children's camps, housing and septic systems), performs soil evaluations and reviews all septic system plans. Lisa is a registered sanitarian and soil evaluator on Title 5 inspections and is ServeSafe certified. Her knowledge and experience are greatly appreciated and are often sought by the board.

## Title V

The board reviewed all building permit applications submitted for review by the building inspector as required by state Title 5 regulations. Title 5 system soil evaluations and percolation tests were done again in response to residents' requests.

## Transfer Station/Solid Waste Disposal

The board re-appointed James Lively and Edwin Palmer as Transfer Station Attendants. We also re-appointed Julie Shippee as alternate attendant.

With funds left over from last year we were able to contract with Steve Crowningshield to build a new shed at the transfer station. After lengthy consultation by the board with the DEP about limitations for building on a landfill, Steve has almost finished the building. The additional shed was needed because state code requires that electronics (computers, TV's, radios, stereos, etc.) be kept under cover along with spent fluorescent bulbs and other hazardous waste until there is a truckload to be hauled away.

Two big trees fell by the fence on the transfer station property as a result of exceptionally wet and stormy weather; additional trees had to be cut to prevent possible serious problems. We thank Woody Lanoue for his meticulous job in removing the trees.

The attendants have continued their increased surveillance of people bringing in trash, and have used spare time to cut mattresses so we are not charged the heavy unit price for disposal.

We are working on ways to bring down the number of bulky waste hauls, as bulky waste and trash make up the larger part of our disposal costs.

The board thanks Jan Ameen and the staff at the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District for providing us with excellent service which includes all of the recycling and bulky waste hauling contracts, the regional hazardous waste collection days and our sharps bio-hazard collections.

## Recycling

Rowe continues to be ranked at the bottom of the list of the FCSWMD nine towns for the expected amount of recycling for our population. Bins are available at the BOH office for sorting recyclables to bring to the transfer station.

Earnings from recycling are added to an escrow account at the FCSWMD and are used to purchase recycled paper for the towns copiers and computers and also offset part of our annual assessment for membership in the FCSWMD.

## Waste Management

Bill Enser and Berkshire Enviro Lab of Lee MA, continue to serve as our Certified Water Operator for our four (4) public water supplies; the Town Hall, the Rowe Elementary School, Avery Fountain and the well at Pelham Lake Park. The lab conducts monthly testing of all four water supplies, and weekly testing at the Pelham Lake Park swimming area during the swimming season.

## Health Services

Sheila Litchfield was re-appointed as town nurse. Our town is very fortunate to have such a dedicated professional to provide health services. The office is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday every week. Sheila writes articles for the Goal Post and provides the board with monthly summary reports.

We thank Sheila for her totally professional performance of her services. Dr. Richard Warner continues to be our medical consultant.

## In Conclusion

The Board of Health is charged with making decisions governed by state code and Rowe by-laws. These regulations often limit what individual residents might want to do on their properties. Often other agencies are involved in these decisions. We apologize for the several errors of judgments that had to be corrected this year.

Respectfully submitted,

David Cousineau, Chair  
Angela Foshay  
Joann Brown

# Board of Health – Inspection, Permit and Test Data

## PERMIT ISSUED

### Septic Hauler/Pumper:

A-1 Septic (North Adams)  
Bostley Sanitary Service  
GMG Enterprises, Inc. (Greg's Wastewater)  
Houghton Sanitary Service

### Installer's Permit:

Berard Excavating  
Danek Excavating  
James Williams

### Food Establishments:

Maple House Bed and Breakfast  
Rowe School Cafeteria  
Rowe Camp and Conference Center

### Food Service Temporary:

Halifax Community Club  
Readsboro Lions Club  
Rowe Community Church (2)  
Rowe Elementary Youth Baseball (3)

### Children Camps Permits:

Rowe Camp/Conf Ctr: Junior High Camp  
Senior High Camp  
Transition Camp

### Beach Permit:

Pelham Lake –5/15 to 9/25/2011

## TITLE 5 ACTIVITY

### Title 5 Inspections:

37 Brittingham Rd (Pierce) Presby System	Passed
506 Tunnel Road (Webster)	Passed
530 Tunnel Road (Brown)	Passed
163 Leshure Road (Little) Presby System	Passed
15 Stone Hill Road (Woodward)	Failed

### Title 5 Soil Evaluation/Percolation Tests

37 Brittingham Hill Road (Pierce)	Passed
22 Ford Hill Road (May)	Passed

### Title 5 System Installation Permits Issued

Tatro Road (Loomis)	New
182 Ford Hill Road (Bickford)	Repair
22 Ford Hill Road (May)	New

### Septic System Installation Final Inspection

22 Ford Hill Road (May)  
182 Ford Hill Road (Bickford)

## Septic Pumping Records

4 Ford Hill Road (Quist)	Good
No address (Farber)	Good
17 Potter Road (Daviau)	Good
63 Middletown Hill Road (Loomis, S)	Good
189 Potter Road (Brines)	Good
85 Ford Hill Road (Rice)	Good
169 Ford Hill Road (Magnago)	Good
163 Hazelton Road (Andognini)	Good
182 Ford Hill Road (Danek, T)	Good
78 Hazelton Road (Gordon)	Good
37 Steele Brook Road (Gordon)	Good
6 Palmer Road (Palmer)	Good
506 Tunnel Road (Webster)	Good
43 Potter Road (Donelson)	Good
141 Cyrus Stage Road (Gary/Brown)	Good
23 Newel Cross Road (Paige)	Good
4 Monroe Hill Road (Smith)	Good
321 Zoar Road (Town Hall)	Good
Rowe Elementary School	Good
182 Ford Hill Road (Bickford)	Good

## Cemetery Commission

The Cemetery Commission sadly said goodbye to Richard Tower this year. He served on the commission from 1991 until he passed away on April 15, 2011. Dick was a great friend and neighbor and we all miss him dearly.

The Cemetery Commission would like to thank Al Morse and Terry Veber for their hard work maintaining the cemetery grounds, and also Levin Hardison for his continued work rebuilding stone walls.

The West Cemetery driveway was repaved this year by Barlow Excavation and Paving.

Cemetery lots are available in the East and West cemeteries. Please contact Chairman Jim Williams at 339-4731 for additional information concerning purchasing a lot(s).

Anyone with questions or comments, please contact any commissioner.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Williams, Chair  
James W. Taylor  
Danette Reynolds-Gallagher

# Council on Aging

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The Rowe Council on Aging had an extremely busy, but rewarding year.

Once again, the Formula Grant provided FRTA rides out of town for our seniors for groceries, banking and pharmacy needs; also services such as snow shoveling done by Presley Veber and Marty Newman to clear entrances to seniors' homes and fuel tanks. Trash pickup was also provided for seniors unable to perform this necessary task. School lunch was provided once a week for those who wanted to go. The Grant also provided essential equipment, supplies and materials needed for our elders. Three comfortable upholstered arm chairs were purchased for our seniors with reduced mobility and disabilities. An air conditioner was also purchased keeping us cool during the summer months.

The Gracy House has been a wonderful place for us to serve our seniors. Occasionally, some of our seniors enjoyed a friendly game of Bingo. There are many other games and puzzles available for their enjoyment. We have had many social hours at least once a month.

We have also held functions out of town. March 11<sup>th</sup> saw an exceptional turn-out at the Mohawk Park Restaurant. A Corn Beef and Cabbage Lunch was served with a parfait for dessert. As usual our senior neighbors from Charlemont & Heath were invited to join us and they seemed to have a good time too. We were also entertained with Irish songs and humor performed by the Irish Group Glenshane.

Early May, the family of Ellsworth Palmer who were celebrating Elsie's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, asked for our help to serve coffee and refreshments.

We began our senior BBQs in late May with Chef Bob Dykeman at the grill, serving up burgers, hot dogs and ribs, all were delicious. Our Council members provided a variety of salads and desserts, but Bob's famous bountiful tossed salad took center stage and we thank him for all he does for us year round. Thank you also goes out to Ken Fensky for your manly assistance. The BBQs were scheduled alternately with the Park BBQs. We would also like to thank the Park employees for serving us. At least 3 ice cream socials were enjoyed by all.

Autumn brought a car-pooled trip to the Bennington Museum and a magnificent buffet at the old Bennington Station Restaurant.

Also, the fall was a time for a homemade soup luncheon made by our COA committee members, with tossed salad, THANKS AGAIN BOB! Warm and delicious homemade rolls baked by Sue Wood (thanks so much Sue).

A Pizza Party was held at the Warfield House on October 14<sup>th</sup> with the intent of taking in the beautiful colors that autumn brings, but all we viewed was thick fog (good intentions). The pizza was still great.

The year finished with a couple of events in December. A car-pooled luncheon was held at the Brewmaster Tavern in Williamsburg, MA (an old inn decked out in Yuletide glory). Our last event was at the Gracy House where it was decorated with Christmas decorations along with a large lit Christmas tree gracing the front porch and a couple of smaller trees inside. A Christmas Party was enjoyed by all with the melodious voices of Helen Shields and Pru Berry leading us in song with music of the Christmas season. An especially beautiful performance by Helen Shields of "Ave Maria" was a fitting climax.

The Council on Aging would like to thank the Rowe Cultural Council for awarding us with the Irish Duo performance in March. We would also like to thank all those who have helped with set-ups for house events, and to all our committee members who continue to serve and give of their precious time to our Rowe seniors and to make our beautiful town and community a very special place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann (Jodi) Brown, Secretary

**Members:**

Sandy Daviau and Chris Tower,  
Co-Chairs  
Jodi Brown, Secretary  
Marilyn Belval  
Mary Ann Dykeman  
Doris Fensky  
Shirley Veber



## Cultural Council

Grants approved for the year FY2011:

Name	Project	Amount
Collected Poets Series	Poets reading series	\$ 100
Damon, Steve	A Musical Story Time	\$ 100
Deerfield River Watershed Association	Annual Deerfield Riverfest	\$ 200
Heath Agricultural Society	Music at Heath Fair	\$ 200
Jackson, Gary	Dinner performance Old Home Days	\$ 250
Memorial Hall Association	Metropolitan Opera	\$ 200
Mohawk Trail Concerts, Inc	42 <sup>nd</sup> Chamber Music Festival	\$ 200
Pothole Pictures	Movie Series	\$ 200
Root, John	Popular Music from Gaslight Era	\$ 400
Rowe Council on Aging	St. Patrick's Day entertainment for seniors	\$ 399
Rowe Elementary School	Cultural Studies Unit - India Residency	\$1,200
West County Theater Workshop	Summer Theater Workshop	\$ 400
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,849</b>

### ROWE CULTURAL COUNCIL

BJ Roche, Chair  
 Robin Booth  
 Kerri McLatchy  
 Meghan McLatchy  
 Ellynn Packard  
 Betty Vernes

## Dog Office

This past year there were nine (9) lost dogs returned, with the most memorable being the two dogs the town crew had found at the town quarry. So a special thanks to them. Those two dogs were from Savoy and had been missing for over a week.

So, once again it is you—the town folk—who should feel good, because everyone who got their pets returned has been very grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Powers  
 339-5533

## DPW - Summer Youth Employment

The "Grasshopper" program, under the direction of SYE Supervisor Abby Phelps did a great job trimming and cleaning our roadsides this past summer. Our crew should be very proud of the excellent job they did. This is very hard work under hot and humid conditions. Please know that you are appreciated very much.

Thanks go to the Assistant Supervisor Josh Taylor for assisting Abby. We had a larger crew than the previous year, which enabled us to trim along all but a few remote roads.

There are 36 miles of roads in Rowe. When you double that for each side of the road that needs trimming...that adds up to 72 miles that need mowing, trimming and cleaning in seven short (usually very hot) weeks. At the same time the crew also pays particular attention to saving certain ferns, flowers and shrubs. They are very conscientious. Great job everyone!

And special thanks again go to Ted Palmer for performing his annual Poison Ivy eradication. The Grasshoppers appreciate you taking care of this for them.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Taylor  
 DPW Superintendent

# Department of Public Works

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On August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Tropical Storm Irene moved thru New England. The Federal Government declared that communities affected by this storm were eligible to receive emergency disaster funds. Rowe will receive federal funds for ten roads damaged by the flooding. The roads are Potter, Stone, Palmer, Ford Hill, Dell, Davis Mine, Davenport, Tatro, County, and Steele Brook. The Federal Government will pay 75% of each project's cost, the State and or Town will be responsible for the remainder.

During the months of September, October, and November the Highway Department worked on repairing washed waterways and graveling damaged roadways, making the roads passable and repaired for the winter to come. Steele Brook Road remains closed at the damaged area and will be repaired in the spring 2012.

## Routine maintenance:

- Cleaning and repair of shoulders and catch basins
- Street sweeping
- Line painting
- Waterway repaving
- Roadside mowing

- Equipment maintenance & repair
- Tree maintenance
- Upkeep of the Town Common and traffic islands

## Special projects:

- Paving and Milling of asphalt on Zoar Rd. (reclaimed 3" of pavement and reapplied 1.5" of asphalt)
- Worked at Transfer Station preparing site for new recycling shed
- Worked on poor drainage areas on Tunnel Road

Thank you to Ellen Miller, Sandy Daviau and the Highway Department crew and Selectmen for all of your help and support this year.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Taylor  
DPW Superintendent



*Photo by Ellen Miller*

Palmer Road Damage from Tropical Storm Irene

## DPW - Tree Warden

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As your Tree Warden I'd like to remind everyone that if they are going to remove any roadside trees it is important to read our Town By-laws. Our roads have been declared Scenic Roads by a Town Meeting vote. More information about what this means can be found in Section 10: of the By-Laws and Section 15C of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

No Tree hearings were held this year.

If anyone has questions or concerns about roadside trees, please contact me at 413-339-5588.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Taylor  
Tree Warden

## Emergency Medical Services - EMS

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Once again our EMS personnel have done an outstanding job responding to all EMS emergencies. Your dedication is admirable. I appreciate all you do and the time you take out of your personal lives for training and responding to calls. Our families play an important role in the work we do because of the support they give our team throughout the year. In order to meet the requirements of a first responder one must complete an 80 hour course and pass a written and practical exam. Recertification is required every three years. EMT certification requires completion of a 110 hour course and successfully passing a state exam which also includes a written and practical exam. Recertification is required every two years and consists of a 24 hour refresher course and an additional 28 hours of continuing education classes.

We currently have 2 certified EMTs and 9 first responders. Our EMTs and first responders continue to respond in a timely manner to any situation and deliver the highest quality of care.

If you have an emergency it is extremely important to dial 911 immediately. Calling a knowledgeable friend or an EMT/first responder will delay the initiation of EMS. For our new residents and those that may not have ever utilized the 911 system, I would like to explain the sequence of events once a 911 call has been made. When 911 has been dialed a dispatcher from Shelburne Control will answer your call. He or she will ask the nature of your emergency and at that time determine the level of care needed for your emergency. The dispatcher will then notify Charlemont Ambulance and Rowe EMTs and first responders. If your emergency requires Advanced Life Support a paramedic unit will be dispatched from Greenfield at the same time. Considering the rural area in which we live, this response system has worked well in the past. If 911 is activated and you then decide you do not want or need the ambulance, or if you have dialed 911 by mistake, please stay on the line and explain

the situation. Otherwise, you can expect a visit from the police department who will be dispatched to verify that an emergency situation does not exist.

Rowe EMS personnel will respond to your emergency with both the knowledge and equipment necessary to help stabilize a patient before and during transport to the hospital by ambulance. As rural as the town of Rowe is, our first responders play a critical role in the outcome of your emergency and thus are an important part of the chain of survival. Rowe EMS works closely with Rowe Fire Department. Most of our members are crossed-trained as medical, fire and/or police personnel. We respond to both fire and police scenes to aid and support these departments.

Due to the aging of EMT personnel associated with both the Charlemont Ambulance and Rowe EMS it is important to recruit new or certified EMTs. To ensure ambulance service to both our town and neighboring towns in the future there must be enough EMTs to adequately staff the ambulance. If there is anyone who is currently EMT certified, or would be interested in becoming an EMT and would like to join our department please contact me at 339-5761.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail May  
EMS Coordinator

# Energy Committee

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The Town of Rowe became a Green Community in 2011, a process that took over two years. The major steps in 2011 were:

- After several months of deliberations, the site was selected in September for the proposed Green Communities Criteria 1 and 2 Ground-Mounted Solar PV Zoning Overlay District: a 3.3 acre space in the Town of Rowe-owned 10.2 acre Soule Property east of the Town Garages.
- A public Forum on the proposed Green Communities By-laws was held on September 15, at the Rowe Elementary School. The first bylaw would allow any resident in Rowe to install a ground-mounted solar PV array of up to 10 kW with only a building permit, but all ground-mounted solar PV arrays over 10 kW would require a Special Permit from the Rowe Planning Board. This first bylaw sets out specific restrictive environmental, space, noise, lighting, and other regulations for such over-10 kW arrays. The second law would also require the submission to the Rowe Planning Board of a Site Plan Review which would reinforce and extend the protections of the first bylaw on above-10 kW ground-mounted solar PV arrays and solicit resident input on appropriateness of the facility. The bylaws would provide one exception: any ground-mounted solar PV installation of 10 kW up to 250 kW within the 3.3 acre Zoning Overlay District on the town-owned Soule Property would require the Site Plan Review but not require a Special Permit. The Town of Rowe, following the above regulations, would then have the option to install such a ground-mounted solar PV array of a conforming size on the Soule property, if it should choose to. However; the town would be free to use this portion of the Soule property in other ways instead. The bylaws would not be a commitment to build a solar array in the overlay zone or anywhere else.
- A Public Hearing conducted by the Rowe Planning Board was held October 25, to inform residents about and hear their responses to the final versions of the two Green Communities bylaws. Work on these bylaws had been going on for over a year, and was facilitated by an award to Rowe in April of a federal District Level Technical Assistance (DLTA) grant that funded FRCOG (Franklin Regional Council of Governments)'s Peggy Sloan to work with the Energy Committee and the Rowe Planning Board in the completion of and public presentations of these bylaws.
- At a Special Town Meeting on November 2, the As of Right Bylaw for the Solar Overlay District, and the Site Plan Review Bylaw were passed in a single motion; nearly all present voted to enact the bylaws, two residents were opposed. This action completed all steps necessary for Rowe to become eligible to apply to become a Green Community.
- Rowe submitted an application to be designated a Green Community to the DOER on November 19, and on December 21 received an announcement from the Massachusetts

*Department of Energy Resources (DOER) of approval of the Town of Rowe's designation as a Green Community and of an award of \$135,725 for the fall-winter round of funding.*

The Town of Rowe Selectmen signed an agreement in late May to join with 15 other Regional Communities (now the number has grown to 22 towns and cities), to become part of the Hampshire Power (a division of the Hampshire Council of Governments) application to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities to allow this collaborative of municipalities to bargain for cheaper electricity rates. The Selectmen had long ago been granted this authority; on October 6, 2006, at a Special Town Meeting in Rowe, voters approved Article 6 by an oral unanimous vote: "to grant to the Board of Selectmen authority to develop and participate in a contract, or contracts for power supply and other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities; and if such contracts are to be approved, individual consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose any alternative service they desire." The Energy Committee had been hoping since 2006 that this opportunity would come to Rowe and recommended that the Selectmen act favorably on the current Hampshire Power "aggregation" plan. Such arrangements are regulated by Massachusetts law which requires that the residents of the aggregated communities *be given the option not to join* if they prefer to stay with National Grid or an alternate provider. Reduced rates from Hampshire Power are guaranteed for the first year. The program is scheduled to go into effect sometime in the first half of 2012.

Celebration of the Completion of Two Major Energy Projects in Rowe was held on February 11 at the Rowe Elementary School. These projects were the completion of the Siemens five-building Guaranteed Savings Energy Performance Contract which was officially completed on January 1 of this year, and of the interconnection with the electricity grid on January 28<sup>th</sup> of the completed 18.4 kW pole-mounted solar PV array at the Rowe Elementary School, funded by an ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) (through an Energy Efficiency and Conservation and Block Grant (EECBG)). Present at the Celebration were our local State Senator Ben Downing, our State Representative Gail Cariddi, Jim Barry, Regional Representative for DOER for Western Mass, Tom Smith representing National Grid, Chris Kilfoyle of Berkshire PhotoVoltaics, Chris Sirois of Sirois Electric, Roland Butzke and Shane Garrabrant of Siemens Building Technologies, Bob Dean, Regional Services Director of FRCOG, two Rowe Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes, Bob Clancy, Principal, members of the Rowe Energy Committee, and residents of Rowe. A big red ribbon was cooperatively cut by the attending students, and these two major energy projects were declared complete.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Packard, Chair

# Fire Department/Emergency Management/HazMat Control

During the last report period the Fire Department responded to 43 calls:

25	Medical Emergencies
1	Structure Fire
1	Chimney Fire
1	Smoke Filled House
2	Mutual Aid Calls
3	Fire Detection Alarms
1	Power Lines Down
2	Hazardous Material Call
1	Wire on Tree
2	Flooded Basement
2	Motor Vehicle Accidents
1	Smell of Propane In House
1	Unscheduled Fire Drill Response

On August 7<sup>th</sup> the Board of Selectmen conducted a planning meeting in preparation for Hurricane Irene with members of the Highway, Police, Fire and Emergency Management Departments. Conditions were monitored throughout the night by all the departments. At 0800 hours on August 8<sup>th</sup> a State of Emergency was declared by the Select Board in preparation for impact of Tropical Storm Irene and remained in affect till August 9<sup>th</sup>. The Emergency Operation Facility was activated and staffed in response. During the high water that resulted from almost eight inches of rain, the Highway, Police and Fire Department personnel spent many hours performing emergency response activities. Town residents aided the emergency response personnel in sandbagging efforts at the edges of the Mill Pond to reduce the erosion and even possible loss of the dam. The sandbags used were donated by TransCanada. The school was opened as a shelter for a few hours to house and feed some residents of Charlemont who had been isolated by the flooding of the Deerfield River.

As reported last year the fire department will no longer clean chimneys. The decision was primarily based on the potential of litigation. As in the past town residents may use the chimney cleaning equipment upon request. Rowe was the last town in the area to discontinue the program.

In the event of an emergency – fire, police, or medical—call 9-1-1 immediately. Do not waste precious time trying to contact a friend, neighbor or member of the Department directly. Enhanced 9-1-1 has been a highly effective and beneficial service to the town; any call to 9-1-1 automatically provides the dispatcher with the telephone number and the name and address listed for that number. If you have special needs or concerns, please contact Ed May directly who will provide the necessary information to the Dispatch Center.

On February 28, 2003, President Bush issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD-5), which directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents. HSPD-5 required federal departments and agencies to make the adoption of NIMS by state and local organizations a condition for federal preparedness assistance

(grants, contracts and other activities) by fiscal year 2005.

The Town complied by adopting the Incident Command System (ICS) and NIMS. The ICS was developed in the 1970s and was adopted by most fire departments. The ICS is a standardized, on-scene, all-hazard incident management concept which allows its users to adopt an integrated organizational structure to match the complexities and demands of single or multiple incidents without being hindered by jurisdictional boundaries. ICS has considerable internal flexibility. It can grow or shrink to meet different needs. This flexibility makes it a very cost-effective and efficient management approach for both small and large situations.

Members of the Highway, Police, and Fire Departments, elected officials and Town administration staff received NIMS 700, ICS 100, and ICS 200 level training to comply with both HSPD-5 and Governor Mitt Romney Executive Order No. 469.

The Franklin County Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC) has completed revision of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan for the county. This original plan was approved by all towns in Franklin County. The submitted plan was reapproved by the State.

The Franklin County REPC was formed to enhance cooperative regional emergency planning and to address Federal SARA Title III, which states that all communities must have active Local Emergency Planning Committees, procedures to deal with hazardous materials emergencies, meet right-to-know requirements, and encourage community awareness. With the leadership and administrative support of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG), all 26 Franklin County towns opted into a regional effort beginning in the year 2000.

The Committee elected an “all hazards” approach to emergency planning, underscoring our responsibility for aiding towns in planning for hazardous material emergencies as well as other natural, technological, and man-made events that call for a similar inter-town, inter-disciplinary response.

During the open burning season for 2011 there were a total of 89 permits issued. Article 310 CMR 7.07 contains the Massachusetts regulation defining allowable open burning: the disposal of brush, cane, driftwood and forestry debris, excluding grass, hay and leaves, during the period from January 15 to (and including) May 1 at 4:00 PM, provided a valid permit from the local fire department or fire warden has been obtained. The burning is allowed on the land proximate to the place of generation, at a location greater than 75 feet from any dwelling, between the hours of 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, except during periods of adverse meteorological conditions. This regulation does not apply to: open burning for the purpose of combating or backfiring an existing fire by persons affiliated with an official fire fighting agency; open burning conducted primarily for cooking purposes; open burning related to the operation of devices such as blowtorches and welding torches, for which no alternative source of heat can be used, provided that such devices do not cause a condition of air pollution.





Photo by Ellen Miller

Mill Pond Dam during Tropical Storm Irene

Burning for agricultural purposes is controlled by a separate section of this regulation. Agricultural practices involve the cultivation of soil for the purpose of crop production and/or the raising of livestock, when such crops are produced primarily for commercial food, and such livestock are raised primarily for commercial foodstuff or for work purposes. Agricultural operations as defined as those operations which raise commercial foodstuffs and/or livestock on an area larger than one acre.

#### Christmas Tree Disposal:

Any person may burn Christmas Trees during the period from December 26 to January 7, provided a permit is obtained from the head of the fire department where such burning shall take place and further provided that such burning is under the supervision and control of the fire department. 527 CMR 10:23:3

#### Classification of Wildfire Danger Conditions:

The Bureau of Forest Fire Control as part of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) provides five classes of wildfire danger conditions to help in determining whether open burning permits should be issued. They are as follows:

1 (Low) Fuels do not ignite readily from small firebrands although a more intense heat source, such as lightning, may start in duff or punky wood.

Weather and fuel conditions will lead to slow fire spread, low intensity and relatively easy control. Controlled burns can usually be executed with reasonable safety.

2 (Moderate) Fires can start from most accidental causes, but with the exception of lightning fires in some areas, the number of starts is generally low. Fires are not likely to become serious and control is relatively easy. Although controlled burning can be done without creating a hazard, routine caution should be taken.

3 (High) All fine dead fuels ignite readily and fires start easily from most causes. Unattended brush and camp fires are likely to escape. Fires spread rapidly and may become serious and difficult to control if not attacked while small. Outdoor burning should be restricted to early morning.

4 (Very High) Fires start easily from all causes and immediately after ignition, spread rapidly and increase quickly in intensity. Fires burning in light fuels may quickly develop high intensity. Both suppression and control will require an extended and thorough effort. Outdoor burning is not recommended.



- 5 (Extreme) Fires start quickly, spread furiously, and burn intensely. All fires are potentially serious. Every fire start has the potential to become large. No outdoor burning should be allowed to take place.

The Fire Department is made up completely of volunteers from town. The effectiveness of this organization is determined by the number of individuals it can train and maintain in a state of readiness, and by the condition of its equipment. This year we were fortunate to gain Julie Shippee as an active volunteer, and would welcome anyone else interested in protecting lives and property from the devastating effects of fire. Not all of the activities required to prepare for and combat a fire involve hands-on fire fighting. There is plenty of other work with which we could use help. Our program of regular monthly training/meetings is conducted the first Monday of the month. These sessions are approximately one to two hours in length—a small investment of your time when weighed against the benefit that may be derived from your membership. The officers of the Department would like to thank all members who participate in our activities regularly, and ask other members of the town to become involved.

Fire Chief James White was replaced because of changes in his medical condition this year. Jim has been an active member of the fire department since moving to town. He is currently in rehab and receiving dialysis treatments while waiting a kidney transplant in New Jersey. On behalf of the entire fire department we wish him well and thank him for his years of dedicated service.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul McLatchy Jr., Fire Chief

Edwin L. May, Fire Department Administrator  
Emergency Management Director  
Hazardous Materials Control Officer

## Historical Commission

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Due to budget constraints at the State and local level, the Historical Commission postponed other important projects and concentrated on restoring and replacing the Roadside Historical Site Markers as the primary goal for 2011. With on-hand funds, and the assistance of the Rowe DPW, the town will begin replacing those deteriorated markers in the spring of 2012. We thank the Select Board and the DPW Superintendent and crew for making this project possible.

In addition there will be a few new markers to designate the former locations of early Rowe schoolhouses. Beginning in 1797 Rowe voted to designate eight (8) School Districts and began building such structures throughout the town. Prior to this time Schools were conducted in various homes with limited facilities and curriculum; but as the community grew, and probably with pressure from the Commonwealth, the need for town schoolhouses was slowly resolved—but not without controversy as to location, etc. The first Schoolhouse Marker for “North School, District #3” will be placed at the northeasterly corner of Potter and Cross Roads in North Rowe. Note: In the historical record, Cross Road is named “Deacon Thomas Crossroad”. This school burned in 1890 and was rebuilt shortly after. It was eventually abandoned as consolidation occurred, and the school was sold at auction by the town in 1948 to Lawrence Bolton for \$20. Mr. Bolton probably attended that school as a child. There were seven other schoolhouses, which will need to be researched in 2012.

Other projects which might be considered as funds become available will be the long-delayed Heritage Landscape project, potential Historic District designations such as the Yankee Atomic site, recognition of Rowe's Civil War contributions, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

ROWE HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Jack Williams, Chair  
Judy Pierce  
Sharon Hudson

## Inspections - Building Department

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Building Permits issued in 2011:

Demolition	1
Dwelling (New)	1
Misc Renovations	19
Other Structures	12
Wood Stove	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>

Total Value      \$531,205

# Inspections - Plumbing/Gas

FISCAL YEAR 2011

Dear Member Town:

I have included the Fiscal Year 2011 report at the bottom of this page which reflects plumbing/gas permits and fee activity for all member towns.

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to remind town residents that the Mass State Plumbing & Gas Code and our inspection program are in place for the health and safety protection of all residents. It is also for the protection of town residents that all plumbing and gas installation/repairs be performed by licensed contractors. Permits shall only be issued to licensed plumbers. You can contact me during office hours on Monday thru Thursday mornings 7 a.m.-9 a.m. at 772-2026, ext. 125 or email me at [plumbing@frcog.org](mailto:plumbing@frcog.org). You will find a link to the on-line permitting, fee schedules, and helpful information on our web site at [www.frcog.org](http://www.frcog.org), under Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program.

Once again, I would like to extend my appreciation to all town officials for your cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew French  
Plumbing & Gas Inspector

## 07/01/2010 - 06/30/2011 FISCAL YEAR REPORT PERMIT FEE RECEIPTS TO TOWNS:

Towns	Re-inspection		Total Fees
	Fees	Permits	
Ashfield	35.00	50	4,575.00
Bernardston	0.00	57	9,100.00
Buckland	30.00	38	4,185.00
Charlemont	0.00	24	2,345.00
Conway	0.00	65	5,795.00
Erving	0.00	17	2,785.00
Gill	0.00	39	3,735.00
Hawley	0.00	7	905.00
Heath	0.00	23	1,825.00
Leverett	30.00	61	5,675.00
Leyden	0.00	26	2,630.00
Rowe	0.00	10	1,230.00
Shelburne	0.00	55	7,840.00
Whately	0.00	38	4,675.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95.00</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>57,300.00</b>
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED</b>			<b>\$57,395.00</b>

# Inspections - Wiring

FISCAL YEAR 2011

Dear Member Town:

I have included the Fiscal Year 2011 report at the bottom of this letter which reflects wiring permits and fee activity for all member towns.

We are seeing more generator installations. These must be permitted and inspected. Careful consideration needs to be taken with the placement of the generators under soffits and overhangs. It is the responsibility of the electrician to request a timely inspection so the project is not delayed.

The 2011 code requires a bonding grid be installed under spas placed on concrete or gravel/stone pads.

If you have any questions I can be reached during normal office hours on Monday thru Friday, 7 AM-9AM at 772-2026, ext 126 or by email at [electric@frcog.org](mailto:electric@frcog.org). You will find a link to the on-line permitting, fee schedules, and helpful information on our web site at [www.frcog.org](http://www.frcog.org), under the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas McDonald  
Wiring Inspector

## 07/01/2010 - 06/30/2011 FISCAL YEAR REPORT PERMIT FEE RECEIPTS TO TOWNS:

Towns	Re-inspection		Total Fees
	Fees	Permits	
Ashfield	0.00	40	4,567.00
Bernardston	0.00	69	18,955.00
Buckland	0.00	36	3,750.00
Charlemont	800.00	24	2,759.00
Conway	0.00	48	4,295.00
Erving	1,659.00	25	12,849.00
Gill	0.00	37	5,523.00
Hawley	0.00	5	535.00
Heath	0.00	19	1,695.00
Leverett	0.00	39	5,557.00
Rowe	0.00	14	2,551.00
Shelburne	80.00	39	5,665.00
Whately	0.00	53	6,420.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,539.00</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>75,121.00</b>
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED</b>			<b>\$77,660.00</b>

## Library Trustees

2011 was an important year for the Rowe Town Library as we completed the marathon job of entering all our items on the CWMARS network. Our membership in this network allows our patrons to borrow items from our library and from most other public libraries in central and western Massachusetts with delivery here once a week.

Securing a reliable internet connection and completing the CWMARS project allowed us to establish our new computer center in the adult area, thus freeing up the internet computers in the Children's Room for the children, and providing pleasant and comfortable work areas for all.

We have 251 Rowe patrons and we own 11,853 items as well as 600 other items that do not circulate or that circulate in other ways. Our total circulation (total number of times items owned by Rowe were taken out in the seven months we were on CWMARS) exceeded four thousand, including 764 items loaned to people at other libraries. Our patrons received 260 items owned by other libraries and we expect this number to grow as more people become aware of our ability to borrow widely.

Seventeen readers participated in the summer reading program with 20 attending Steve Damon's finale performance at the Lake. All children received certificates and gifts. Ryan Burke won the grand prize of Big E tickets.

Volunteers have been an important part of Library life with Jody Brown directing the holiday decorating in December, Walter

Quist building a bookcase and weeding and pruning the grounds, Ernest Dodge performing building maintenance and answering a Latin reference question or two and Brianne Cousineau reading stories to little ones. All this was in addition to the countless extra hours provided by the library director and staff.

Artists displaying work at the library included Jean Caracciola with landscape and floral paintings in oil and acrylic, Deb Lively with animal and nature paintings in acrylic, and Karen Soviecke with touch drawing.

The Trustees meet once a month at the library, with the meetings posted at the library and at the town hall. The library is open 24 hours a week.

### Library Hours

Tuesday	10 AM – 5 PM
Wednesday	10 AM – 8 PM
Saturday	10 AM – 5 PM

Board of Library Trustees  
Evelyn Dandeneau, Chair  
Claudine Poplawski  
Catherine Snyder

Library Director  
Susan Gleason



Photo by Ellen Miller

Contestants in the Old Home Day Pie Eating contest...l-r: Taylor Loomis, Tyler Rice, Erin Laffond and WINNER David Hobbs

# Old Home Day Committee

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Rowe's July 2011 Old Home Day started off as a beautiful day.

The early morning Trout Fishing Derby, organized by Sean Loomis, was again held at Bill Loomis' pond. It attracted some 25-30 children. A big thank you to Jim Daneker of Rowe/Rhode Island who has—for some ten years—provided the trout and fishing prizes for this event.

The annual early morning 4-mile run was attended by some twenty runners. Next on our OHD schedule was the parade.

Our 2011 Old Home Day parade theme "*Hollywood On Parade*" was again emceed by Bob Clancy. It was the longest parade in recent memory with...

- Grand Marshall Ellsworth Palmer (who turned 100 years old in May 2011). Four generations of the Palmer family rode in the parade—Ellsie, his daughter Ruth White, grandson Selmi Hyytinen, and great grandson Gavin Hyytinen.
- Military members from the Shelburne Falls VFW
- Sheriffs from the Franklin County Sheriffs' Office
- Flag bearers on horseback
- Bagpiper Eric Goodchild
- Selectmen Paul McLatchy III and Noel Abbott
- Members of Rowe Blue Jays rookie baseball team
- Tractors, family floats, bicycles
- Classic cars, both local and many from the Yankee Motor Club
- Fire trucks and apparatus from many local municipalities (Charlemont, Colrain, Florida, Hawley, Heath, Readsboro, Savoy, Shelburne and Williamstown), along with Rowe's fine fleet.
- Bringing up the rear...Rowe's new Police Cruiser/SUV

At the finale of the parade the *Star Spangled Banner* was sung by our own Helen Shields. Trophies and cash prizes were awarded to the various categories in the parade.

Other activities included the Charlemont Lions Club Eye Mobile—providing free vision, hearing and blood pressure screening—organized by Bob Dykeman. The Rowe Historical Society entertained at the Kemp-McCarthy Museum with "*Songs of the Gaslight Era*" by John Root and a new exhibit of antique tools and dolls.

Dohn Sherman again gave his popular hayrides throughout the day. MaryJo Fuller, her daughters Abby and Heidi Phelps, and most exalted (and accommodating) family member Sweet-pea—put on another Cow Flop Bingo. A new event—the Pie Eating Contest—was very popular. There were two divisions (adult and youth) with a large turnout in both categories for the Chocolate Cream pies.

The ever popular attractions at Pelham Lake Park—the Bouncy Castle and the Rock Climbing Wall—saw lines all day long. Volleyball, horseshoes, kids' games, boating and swimming also entertained many. The Bouncy Castle was open all day Sunday too.

The annual Rowe Community Church auction was well attended, the Shelburne Falls Military Band put on a nice concert, and food vendors and Rowe Community Church's "Homemade Strawberry Shortcake" kept the crowds busy and pleased.

Evening activities at the beach were the country/folk/honky-tonkin' band "The Grey Whisker Pickers" with Rowe's Dan Poplawski and family, followed by easy listening music provided by local band "Small Change." The Readsboro Lions Club topped off the day with their most excellent Chicken BBQ.

The Old Home Day festivities ended with the spectacular annual fireworks display. A really good time was had by all who attended. We thank everyone who helped make our Old Home Day another great success.

Respectfully submitted,

John Magnago, Chair

**Members:**

Jodi Brown  
Bob Dykeman  
Sean Loomis  
Paul McLatchy, the younger  
Ellen Miller  
Ellynn Packard  
Christine Tower

# OLD HOME DAY COLLAGE



All photos by Carol Lively, unless otherwise noted.

## Park Commission

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The Park Commission experienced a very productive year in 2011. Annual goals were met, progress made on future planning, and constructive working relationships maintained and established interdepartmentally. Of special note was our cooperative work with the Highway Department—it was an excellent example in “getting things done.”

Major purchases this year included a new pontoon boat and new treadmill for the Town Hall fitness center.

A pilot program to control the aquatic weed growth in Pelham Lake was adopted. We reviewed chemical application methods, machine harvesting, lowering lake levels temporarily, and hand removal. We decided on a course of action that would utilize SYE (Summer Youth Employment) staff, and limit our weed removal to those areas used the most for recreational purposes (swimming area, boat dock and ramp, causeway fishing area). The species that are in need of control are the floating bladderwort and watershield. Due to the continuing sediment buildup in the shallow lake, annual monitoring will be ongoing.

Work continues on the new bathhouse. Town Meeting approved a warrant article to install an ADA compliant (handicapped) ramp to service the bathrooms. A natural stone ramp proposed by local stone mason Levin Hardison was accepted and installed.

This year was also challenging in regards to natural disasters. The May 26<sup>th</sup> tornado that produced destructive winds in the park added to the staff's summer workload. Two buildings were damaged—one, the Pavilion, had considerable damage when the winds knocked down some white pines onto the roof. The damage was repaired with insurance funds.

On August 28<sup>th</sup> considerable damage was done by Tropical Storm Irene. Many bridges were taken out—the major one being that which crossed at the confluence of Tuttle and Potter Brook on the Lake View Trail. That bridge ended up clear across the other side of the lake. Site visits by FEMA assured us that 75% of the replacement cost will be forthcoming. Also, sand lost to erosion in the beach area was recovered with FEMA's OK.

The Park Commission would like to give a special thanks to our SYE staff. These enthusiastic young workers make the Pelham Lake Park experience a positive one. Give them a smile and a heartfelt thank-you next time you cross paths.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Fuller  
Mike Laffond  
Bruce Cowie

## Planning Board

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2011 was a year of change and rededication for the Planning Board and its members.

### GOAL POST

With the election of Sharon Hudson in May, and her subsequent selection as Chair of the Board, when the previous chair, David Roberson resigned, a new and revised policy was established for the Rowe *Goal Post*—the town sponsored monthly newsletter. Basically, the new Mission Statement reaffirmed the original purposes of the *Goal Post* over 35 years ago, and states...

1. As Thomas Jefferson stated, “Democracy demands an educated and informed electorate.”
2. Publication of the Rowe *Goal Post* has been sponsored by the Town of Rowe for over 35 years in the interest of enhanced communication between all town departments and all Rowe citizens.
3. The *Goal Post* is published monthly and welcomes submissions from all town officials and departments. Such submissions should not exceed 400 words and will not be “modified” except for minor editing for spelling or grammar corrections.
4. Also welcomed are letters from Rowe townspeople concerning the community or town government, which should not exceed 300 words, and should be in good taste.
5. In addition, reports, news, and photos from local families, clubs, organizations such as Rowe Historical Society, Rowe Church, Rowe Camp & Conference Center, etc., are welcomed.

Subsequently, a new position was established for the *Goal Post*—“Editor/Publisher”—and the monthly publication and production of each issue was returned to the town hall for a more local presence and direction.

After a selection process, Paul McLatchy, III was appointed to this new position. The newsletter is now edited and produced in town. Paul oversees production at the Town Hall where the newsletter is printed on paper purchased with Transfer Station recycling proceeds. He is assisted in the production and mailing by Christine Tower, and occasionally Shirley Veber. Ellen Miller maintains the mailing list. There have been considerable cost and time savings over the previous production method. Thank you Paul, Christine, Shirley and Ellen.

The *Goal Post* also has a new Masthead Slogan - “*Dedicated to encourage information exchange between all town departments and all citizens*”

### ZONING BYLAWS

The other major activity of the Board in 2011 was the beginning of a comprehensive review and overhaul of Rowe's zoning bylaws. The bylaws had been little changed for over 50 years and needed to be in compliance with changes in the laws of the



Commonwealth, as well as to be up-dated and modernized to meet the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Our first piece of zoning bylaw business came about as a result of efforts by the Select Board and Energy Committee to obtain the Massachusetts Dept. of Energy Resource's (DOER) designation as a "Green Community." There are five (5) criteria that must be met to receive such designation. Two of the five criteria require the adoption of energy-related bylaws...

**Criterion 1:** *Provide as-of-right siting in designated locations for renewable/alternative energy generation, research & development, or manufacturing facilities.*

**Criterion 2:** *Adopt an expedited application and permit process for as-of-right energy facilities.*

The Planning Board worked closely with Peggy Sloan of FRCOG, the Energy Committee, Town Counsel Joel Bard, and Jim Barry of the MA DOER on this project. The new proposed bylaws were brought to voters at a Special Town Meeting on November 2, 2011, and passed with a near unanimous vote (40 aye, 2 nay). With their passage and the completion of the other three criteria-Rowe did receive "Green Community" designation, which came with a state grant of \$135,000 for additional energy projects.

The Planning Board is now working on a second phase of zoning bylaw revisions. Proposed revisions were first presented to townspeople at an information session on February 7, 2012, and then at a public hearing on March 20, 2012. It is planned to present the final proposed revisions to voters at a Special Town Meeting in May 2012.

## BOARD CHANGES

On June 23, 2011, Douglas Wilson was appointed to a Planning Board vacancy for the ensuing year by joint vote of Select Board and Planning Board. This appointment will expire at the next annual town election-May 2012.

Due to illness in her family and the demands of her "day job," Sharon Hudson resigned from the Planning Board on November 30, 2011. Jack Williams succeeded her as chair.

On the recommendation of the Planning Board, Marilyn Belval was appointed by the Select Board in early 2012 to succeed Sharon until the May 2012 annual town election.

Respectfully submitted,

ROWE PLANNING BOARD

Jack Williams, Chair  
Doug Wilson  
Bob Dykeman  
Marilyn Belval  
Jodi Brown

## Police Department

Medical assistance	17
Breaking & Entering	2
9-1-1 hang ups	4
Animal complaints	2
Mutual Aid	6
Permits issued	10
Police calls	76
Unfounded incidents	17

The number of requested police responses increased quite a lot from previous years. On the surface that would appear to be of concern but I believe it actually represents better communications between residents and the police department. The number of reported crimes decreased again in 2011. The seriousness of the crimes decreased also this year. I would like to thank the police officers of Rowe for their fine work and dedicated professionalism.

In 2011 we instituted a monthly police department message. This was done in an attempt to improve the communication between the department and the town's residents. The message is sent out with the monthly police report that is placed in the *Goal Post*. We hope that you have benefitted from these communications.

In December of 2011 the Rowe Police Department suffered a great loss. Officer Charles Bellows passed away. Many of you knew "Chuck" as the past police chief in Charlemont, which he did for many years. But some of you may not know how many years he served as an officer in Rowe. Officer Bellows was the first police officer that was appointed after I became chief in 1976 and served every year since then. He also served as an officer for Chief Shumway for several years prior to my service. I cannot begin to describe the many services that he performed for our town. Officer Charles Bellows was a superior police officer, a tremendous man, and a great friend! He will be sorely missed by this department, and Rowe Old Home Day will never be the same without him for some of us. Thanks Chuck.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry J. Dandeneau  
Chief of Police

# Town Clerk - Vital Stats - Licenses & Permits

## Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS

Mass. General Law prohibits release of info for persons under 17 without parental permission

Hyytinen, Gavin Christopher – 3/22/2011

Christopher Selmi Hyytinen

Tabitha J. Hyytinen

May, Clary B - 3/23/2011

Paul E. May

Kristina A. May

### DEATHS

Richard A. Tower

January 28, 1936 – April 15, 2011

Died in Greenfield, MA

### MARRIAGES

None

## Town Clerk - Licenses

### DOG LICENSES SOLD

Males @ \$3.00	(40)	\$ 120.00
Females @ \$6.00	( 4)	24.00
Spayed Females @ \$3.00	(47)	141.00
Kennel (10 dogs or less) @ \$25.00	( 1)	25.00
<b>TOTAL DOG LICENSES</b>		<b>\$310.00</b>

### SPORTING LICENSES SOLD

F1 - Resident Fishing @ \$27.50	( 2)	\$55.00
F2 - Resident Minor Fishing 15-17 @ \$11.50	( 0)	0.00
F3 - Resident Fishing 65-69 @ \$16.25	( 0)	0.00
F4 - Resident Fishing 70 or over = Free	( 4)	0.00
F6 - Non-resident Fishing @ \$37.50	( 0)	0.50
F7 - Non-resident Fishing-3 day @ \$23.50	( 0)	0.00
F8 - Resident Fishing-3 day @ \$12.50	( 0)	0.50
F9 - Non-resident Fishing 15-17 @ \$11.50	( 0)	0.00
H1 - Resident Citizen Hunting @ \$27.50	(7)	192.50
H2 - Resident Hunting 65-69 @ \$16.25	( 0)	0.00
H3 - Resident Hunting (para) = Free	( 0)	0.00
H4 - Resident Alien Hunting @ \$27.50	( 0)	0.00
H5 - Non-resident Hunting Big Game @ \$99.50	( 0)	0.00
H6 - Non-res Hunting Small Game @ \$65.50	( 0)	0.00
H8 - Resident Minor Hunting 15-17 @ \$11.50	( 0)	0.00
S1 - Resident Sporting @ \$45.00	(12)	540.00
S2 - Resident Sporting 65-69 @ \$25.00	( 4)	100.00
S3 - Resident Sporting 70 or over = Free	( 3)	0.00
DF - Duplicate Fishing @ \$2.50	( 0)	0.00
DH - Duplicate Hunting @ \$2.50	( 0)	0.00
DS - Duplicate Sporting @ \$2.50	( 0)	0.50
<b>TOTAL SPORTING LICENSE</b>		<b>\$ 887.50</b>

## SPORTING STAMPS SOLD

M1 - Archery @ \$5.10	(2)	10.20
M2 - Waterfowl Stamp @ \$5.00	(0)	0.00
M3 - Primitive Firearms Stamp @ \$5.10	(6)	30.60
<b>TOTAL STAMPS</b>		<b>\$ 40.80</b>

## Town Clerk – Permits Issued

### BUSINESS CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Mary Jo Fuller  
dba Stepping Stone Farm  
36 Petrie Road  
Rowe MA 01367  
Issued: September 11, 2011  
Expires: September 11, 2015

C. Morano, LLC  
Christopher Morano  
14 Old Cyrus Stage Road  
Rowe MA 01367  
Issued: June 29, 2011  
Expires: June 29, 2015

Steve Crowningshield  
450 Tunnel Road  
Rowe MA 01367  
Issued: July 1, 2011  
Expires: July 1, 2015

### RAFFLE PERMITS ISSUED

Rowe Historical Society  
Issued: February 9, 2011  
Expires: February 9, 2012

Charlemont Lions Club  
Issued: June 9, 2011  
Expires: June 9, 2012

Mohawk Youth Cal Ripken  
Issued: July 20, 2011  
Expires: July 20, 2012

Rowe School PTP  
Issued: November 2, 2011  
Expires: November 2, 2012

# Town Clerk - Elected Officials Sworn to Duty / Resignations 2011

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## ELECTED SWORN TO DUTY

### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Frederick N. Williams 5/18/2011

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Donald D'Astous 6/20/2011  
Residency Hearing 7/28/2011  
Jody Brown 8/30/2011

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Noel Abbott 5/17/2011  
Robert J. Clancy 10/1/2011

### CEMETERY COMMISSION

James W. Taylor 5/18/2011

### FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 Years)

Marilyn Wilson 5/14/2011

### PARK COMMISSIONER

Mary Jo Fuller 5/14/2011

### PLANNING BOARD (5 Years)

Sharon Hudson 5/17/2011  
Resigned 12/1/11

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Years)

William Loomis 5/17/2011

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE (2 Years)

Lisa Miller 5/18/2011

### TOWN CLERK

Jennifer A. Morse Sprague 5/18/2011  
Sworn in by Town Moderator

### TREASURER

Heidi Cousineau 06/08/2011

## RESIGNATIONS - 2011

### PLANNING BOARD

David Roberson 5/19/2011

### BOARD OF SLECTMEN

Jennifer Y. Wood 7/11/2011

### PLANNING BOARD

Sharon C. Hudson 11/30/2011

## SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION – OCTOBER 1, 2011

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert J. Clancy 10/1/11

# Town Clerk - Appointees Sworn to Duty

<b>ADMIN ASST / ASST TO ACCOUNTANT</b>		Susan C. Wood	03/16/11
Sandra P. Daviau	6/16/11	Helen E. Danek	03/22/11
		Robin Reed (Warden)	08/24/11
<b>AGRCULTURAL COMMISSION</b>		Shirley Veber	08/03/11
Carol F. Lively	6/27/11		
<b>ASSISTANT TREASURER</b>		<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS</b>	
		C. Selmi Hyytinen	7/07/11
		Gail May (Coordinator)	7/30/11
<b>AUDIT COMMITTEE</b>		<b>ENERGY COMMITTEE</b>	
Prudence Berry	12/12/11	Carol Lively	2/12/11 & 6/11/11
Marilyn Wilson	11/29/11	Paul McLatchy III	6/16/11
Walter Quist	11/29/11	John R.H. Packard	6/16/11
		Barbara J. Roche	6/27/11
<b>BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE</b>		Dana M. Williams	6/1/11
Jo-ann M. Brown	6/15/11	Abigail Phelps	12/27/11
Ellen B. Miller	6/20/11		
John Magnago	9/30/11		
Thomas L. Chiofalo	9/12/11	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER</b>	
Christine Tower	9/22/11	James W. Taylor	6/22/11
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH - HEALTH AGENT</b>		<b>FENCE VIEWER</b>	
Lisa Danek Burke	6/16/11	Noel R. Abbott	7/22/11
<b>BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE</b>		<b>FIELD DRIVER</b>	
Ellynn B. Packard	8/9/11	Sandra A. Daviau	06/16/11
Ellen B. Miller	7/28/11		
<b>BROADBAND/TELECOM COMMITTEE</b>		<b>FIRE CHIEF</b>	
David Dvore	6/23/11	Paul McLatchy Jr.	10/18/11
Raymond Wilson	7/11/11	<b>DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF</b>	
Noel R. Abbott	7/22/11	Dennis F. May	9/28/11
<b>CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER</b>		<b>ENVIROMENTAL OFFICER</b>	
Ellen B. Miller		James W. Taylor	6/22/11
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>		<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	
Myra Carlow	6/20/11	Matthew R. Crowningshield, Lieutenant	9/9/11
<b>CONSTABLE</b>		Jonathan Lively, Captain	10/4/11
Sandra P. Daviau	5/24/11	Robert J. Clancy, Lieutenant	10/1/11
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING</b>		<b>FOREST FIRE WARDEN</b>	
Jo-ann M. Brown	6/16/11	Paul McLatchy Jr.	10/18/11
Sandra P. Daviau	6/16/11		
Doris Fensky	7/07/11	<b>FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT</b>	
Christine A. Tower	6/16/11	James W. Lively	6/22/11
Shirley Veber	7/01/11		
<b>CULTURAL COUNCIL (3 Year appt)</b>		<b>FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVT</b>	
Kerri L. McLatchy	7/01/11	John H. Williams	1/9/11
		Noel R. Abbott	7/22/11
<b>DPW SUPERINTENDENT</b>		<b>GRACY HOUSE COMMITTEE</b>	
James W. Taylor	6/22/11	Cynthia M. Laffond	6/18/11
		Leonard J. Laffond	6/18/11
<b>ELECTION TELLERS / WORKERS</b>		<b>INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS</b>	
Noel R. Abbott	02/11/11 & 8/20/11	James Hawkins -FCCIP	6/27/11
Pru Berry	07/27/11		
Marjorie B. Morse	02/18/11 & 7/1/11		

<b>MA BROADBAND INSTITUTE – ROWE REP.</b> Ellen B. Miller	6/20/11	<b>TEMPORARY TREASURER</b> Susan A. Williams	10/18/11
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b> Catherine T. Snyder	10/2/11	<b>TOWN NURSE</b> Sheila Litchfield	6/23/11
<b>MEASURER OF WOOD, BARK &amp; LUMBER</b> Thomas P. Danek, Jr Robert R. Rice James H. Williams	6/17/11 6/27/11 7/1/11	<b>TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS</b> Ted Palmer James Lively Julie Shippee (Alternate)	6/22/11 6/22/11 6/8/11
<b>MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT MANAGER</b> Noel R. Abbott	08/22/11	<b>TREE WARDEN</b> James W. Taylor	6/22/11
<b>OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE</b> Jo-ann M. Brown Robert L. Dykeman Sean R. Loomis John Magnago Paul McLatchy III Ellen B. Miller Ellynn B. Packard Christine A. Tower	3/8/11 & 6/14/11 5/18/11 6/15/11 5/11/11 & 6/22/11 5/11/11 3/29/11 & 6/20/11 4/7/11 & 6/13/11 6/16/11	<b>VETERANS' AGENT</b> David F. Scrivens	7/1/11
<b>POLICE CHIEF / SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER</b> Henry J. Dandeneau	7/1/11	<b>WIRED WEST CO-OP CORP. DELEGATE</b> Noel R. Abbott	8/22/11
<b>POLICE / SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS</b> C. Selmi Hyytinen Melissa Salls Julie Shippee	7/02/11 1/4/11 7/1/11	<b>WIRED WEST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE</b> David Dvore (Alternate Rep.) Noel R. Abbott (Alternate Rep.)	6/23/11 7/22/11
<b>POUND KEEPER</b> Sandra P. Daviau	6/16/11	<b>YANKEE LAND COMMITTEE</b> Leonard J. Laffond Walter J. Quist	6/18/11 8/3/11
<b>PRINCIPAL'S CONTRACT RESEARCH COMM</b> Noel R. Abbott Ellynn B. Packard John (Jack) Williams	4/7/11 4/7/11 4/7/11	<b>YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC CO. CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)</b> Leonard J. Laffond	6/18/11
<b>REGISTRARS OF VOTERS</b> Jennifer Morse Sprague Lisa L. Miller William D. Parent Judith Pierce	7/28/11 7/28/11 7/28/11 7/28/11	<b>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</b> Marilyn Wilson (3 yr term)	6/22/11
<b>SPECIAL ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE</b> Noel R. Abbott Myra Bennett Carlow Barbara Griffin Paul McLatchy III Ellen Miller Maggie Rice Jennifer Morse Sprague	2/11/11 2/8/11 2/11/11 2/11/11 2/11/11 2/06/11 2/08/11	<b>APPOINTEES TO ELECTED POSITION VACANCIES</b>	
<b>SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT, PEST, ELM DISEASE CONTROL</b> James W. Taylor	6/22/11	<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b> Jo-ann M. Brown	8/17/11
		<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b> Margaret Parent Dennis F. May	7/8/11 9/28/11
		<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b> Catherine T. Snyder	9/14/11
		<b>PLANNING BOARD</b> Douglas Wilson	6/23/11
		<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b> William Loomis	2/15/11

# 2012 Prospective Juror List - Office of Jury Commissioner (M.g.l. Ch. 234a)

Name	Mailing Address	Name	Mailing Address
Abbott, Noel R	112 Ford Hill Road	Grogan, Barbara	P O Box 305
Allen, Susan D	191 #9 Rd	Hardison, Billy L	22 Tunnel Rd
Ash, Brian S	6 Pine Hill Dr	Hardison, Leonda I	22 Tunnel Rd
Avery, Linda	E Bx 312	Heiligmann, Carlos	P O Box 328
Baker, Roberta T	65 Stone Hill Rd	Heiligmann, Katherine S	P O Box 328
Baker, William J	65 Stone Hill Rd	Hoffman, John	312 Zoar Rd
Berry, Prudence	144 Leshure Rd	Hoffman, Kathleen	312 Zoar Rd
Bjork, Alan W	288 Zoar Rd	Horr, Joan C	228 Number Nine Rd
Bjork, Timothy J	42 Leshure Rd	Houghtaling, Melissa A	14 Tunnel Rd
Booth, Robin	194 Leshure Rd	Houghtaling, Thomas A	14 Tunnel Rd
Boutwell, Melissa A	7 Potter Rd	Hudson, Gary H	15 Newell Cross Rd
Boutwell, Rebecca S	7 Potter Rd	Hudson, Sharon C	15 Newell Cross Rd
Boutwell, Scott E	7 Potter Rd	Hyttinen, Christopher S	65 Hazelton Rd
Bradley, Kenneth	51 Middletown Hill Rd	Hyttinen, Tabitha J	65 Hazelton Rd
Bradley, Patrick M	51 Middletown Hill Rd	Jackson, Crystal A	88 Hazelton Rd
Bradley, Rebecca P	51 Middletown Hill Rd	Jackson, Darlene A	88 Hazelton Rd
Brown, Craig W	141 Cyrus Stage Rd	Jackson, Lisa M	88 Hazelton Rd
Brown, Reed E	27 Newell Cross Rd	Jackson, Oral L	88 Hazelton Rd
Bryant Jr, Peter	11 Hazelton Rd	Jolly, Russell W	62 Pond Rd
Bryant, Capri	11 Hazelton Road	Katz, Deborah B	Box 3023
Bryant, Lisa A	11 Hazelton Rd	Katz, Esther D	80 Davenport Rd
Buck, Elizabeth V	306 Zoar Rd	Katz, Rebecca L	P O Box # 3023
Buck, Philip E	306 Zoar Rd	Keppler, David J	145 Leshure E Rdesterde
Carlow, Myra B	P O Box 438	Kindle, James	78 Hazelton Rd
Cascone, Nancy J	24 Steele Brook Rd	Laffond, Cynthia M	205 Hazelton Rd
Chattin, Maxwell P	505 Tunnel Rd	Laffond, Laurie L	208 Hazelton Rd
Chattin, Michael	505 Tunnel Rd	Laffond, Michael S	208 Hazelton Rd
Chiofalo, Thomas L	87 Potter Rd	Lager, Joan S	10 Kings Highway
Cirinna, Geoffrey T	252 Zoar Rd	Larned, Danielle M	26 Newell Cross Rd
Clancy, Robert J	12 County Branch Rd	Larned, Lance P	26 Newell Cross Rd
Cousineau, Heidi	P O Box 302	Levitte, Cristine	PO Box 296
Cowie, Bruce W	487 Tunnel Rd	Lively, Abigail R	4 Stone Hill Rd
Cowie, Janet L	487 Tunnel Rd	Lively, Andrew J	4 Stone Hill Rd
Crowningshield, Debra A	450 Tunnel Rd	Lively, Anne M	22 Ford Hill Rd
Crowningshield, Jeanette	106 Zoar Rd	Lively, Carol F	11 Petrie Rd
Crowningshield, Matthew R	16 Newell Cross Rd	Lively, Deborah L	4 Stone Hill Rd
Crowningshield, Steven R	450 Tunnel Rd	Lively, James W	4 Stone Hill Rd
Dandeneau, Evelyn L	P O Box 282	Lively, Jason A	22 Ford Hill Rd
Danek, Helen E	39 Cross Rd	Lively, Jonathan A	11 Petrie Rd
Danek-burke, Lisa A	465 Tunnel Rd	Loomis, Leann Z	63 Middletown Hill Rd
Daviau, Walter C	17 Potter Rd	Loomis, Sean R	63 Middletown Hill Rd
Donelson, Norma J	43 Potter Rd	Lowell, Frederick K	18 Old Cyrus Stage Rd
Donovan, Sandra A	100 Zoar Rd	Lumbis, Jessica L	122 Davenport Rd
Dunnell, Paul P	137 Leshure Rd	May, Dennis F	14 Potter Rd
Dvore, David	75 Potter Rd	May, Edwin L	68 Cross Rd
Dykeman, Mary A	468 Tunnel Rd	May, Gail	14 Potter Rd
Dykeman, Robert L	468 Tunnel Rd	May, Katherine E	68 Cross Rd
Eastman, Josh I	122 Davenport Rd	May, Kristina A	68 Cross Rd
Faivre, Audrey I	P O Box 324	May, Paul E	68 Cross Rd
Fisher, Scott A	146 Ford Hill Rd	McLatchy Jr, Paul	17 Newell Cross Rd
Flagg, Donna J	245 Leshure Rd	McLatchy, Lesley K	17 Newell Cross Rd
Fuller, Maryjo A	36 Petrie Rd	Miller, Clayton C	160 Hazelton Rd
Gallagher, Robert L	30 Potter Rd	Miller, Ellen B	160 Hazelton Rd
Gary, Virginia P	141 Cyrus Stage Rd	Miller, Lisa L	12 County Branch Rd
Glass, Herbert L	6 Kings Highway	Morano, Cara	14 Old Cyrus Stage Rd
Gordon, Ronald P	49 Hazelton Rd	Morano, Chris	14 Old Cyrus Stage Rd
Gordon, Rosemary R	49 Hazelton Rd	Morse, Jennifer A	PO Box 295



Name	Mailing Address	Name	Mailing Address
Morse, Marjorie H	60 Shippee Rd	Simpson, Eliakim H	P O Box 296
Paige Iii, Clifford	23 Newell Cross Rd	Singley, Emily M	171 Zoar Rd
Paige, Mary E	23 Newell Cross Rd	Snyder, Catherine T	49 Cross Rd
Parent, Jeffery E	32 Shippee Rd	Snyder, Timothy C	49 Cross Rd
Parent, Kevin M	39 Stone Hill Rd	Sousa, James E	99 Brittingham Hill Rd
Parent, William M	39 Stone Hill Esterde	Soviecke, Karen	41 Davenport Rd
Phelps, Abigail M	36 Petrie Rd	Soviecke, Mitchell	41 Davenport Rd
Phelps, Nancy D	36 Petrie Rd	Sprague, Brittani M	242 Ford Hill Rd
Pickett, Felicity	Box 273	Sprague, Katherine D	242 Ford Hill Rd
Poehein, David G	BX 17	Sprague, Kevin D	242 Ford Hill Rd
Poplawski, Claudine M	37 Shippee Rd	Strules, Jennifer E	145 Leshure Rd
Poplawski, Daniel P	37 Shippee Rd	Sullivan, Jonathan L	BX 445
Powers, Russell L	163 Hazelton Rd	Sutherland, Jennie R	202 Leshure Rd
Quinn, Melissa S	P O Box 281	Sutherland, Wendy S	202 Leshure Rd
Quinn, Richard K	P O Box 281	Swenson, Kristen C	106 Middletown Hill Rd
Reardon, Mary A	146 Cyrus Stage Rd	Taylor, James W	58 Pond Rd
Reardon, Tiffany J	146 Cyrus Stage Rd	Taylor, Susan B	58 Pond Rd
Reed, Robin W	48 Hazelton Rd	Thane, Joseph E	32 Davenport Branch Rd
Regan-bjork, Jasmine M	42 Leshure Rd	Veber, Carole A	294 Zoar Rd
Reynolds-gallagher, Danette L	30 Potter Rd	Veber, Mary	292 Zoar Rd
Rice, Bradley J	86 Ford Hill Rd	Veber, Presley	292 Zoar Rd
Rice, Dean T	85 Ford Hill Rd	Veber, Samantha	292 Zoar Rd
Rice, Jennifer L	85 Ford Hill Rd	Veber, Terry	294 Zoar Rd
Rice, Margaret B	88 Davis Mine Rd	Veber, Tiffany R	PO Box 275
Rice, Robert R	88 Davis Mine Rd	Walker Jr, David	171 Zoar Rd
Richardson, Rebecca F	42 Old Cyrus Stage Rd	Walker, Michael	BX 291
Roberson, David A	539 Tunnel Rd	Webster, Gideon K	506 Tunnel Rd
Roberson, Laura S	539 Tunnel Rd	Wessman, Daniel J	P O Box 342
Robinson, Sayward M	163 Hazelton Rd	White, Gerrit C	65 Potter Rd
Roccio, Paulette A	10 Kings Hwy	White, Glenn M	245 Leshure Rd
Roche, Barbara J	P O Box 342	White, Susan M	65 Potter Rd
Rode, Christina M	131 Zoar Rd	Williams, Dana M	25 Middletown Hill Rd
Rossi, John F	54 Brittingham Hill Rd	Williams, Frederick N	25 Middletown Hill Rd
Rossi, Martha	72 Brittingham Hill Rd	Williams, James T	75 Stone Hill Rd
Scrivens, David F	35 Newell Cross Rd	Williams, Jay T	97 Middletown Hill Rd
Sherman, Connie A	77 Hazelton Rd	Williams, Robert O	7 Middletown Hill Rd
Shippee, Kenneth R	21 Newell Cross Rd	Wilson Rev, Douglas	144 Leshure Rd
Silva, Carrie Y	PO Box 294	Wilson, Raymond	37 Potter Rd
Silva, Edward J	PO Box 272	Wood, Jennifer Y	19 Stone Rd
Silva, Robert A	PO Box 294	Wood, Susan C	19 Stone Rd
Silva, Sandra J	54 Ford Hill Rd	Zielonka, Stanley R	BX 276

# Rowe Voters List – December 31, 2011

Abbott, Noel R	U	Crowningshield,		Houghtaling,	
Alix, Richard E	U	Jenna M	U	Thomas A	U
Andognini, M Arlene	Q	Crowningshield,		Hudson, Gary H	D
Ash, Brian S	U	Matthew R	U	Hudson, Sharon C	D
Ash, Laurie L	U	Crowningshield,		Hyttinen,	
Avery, Linda Eileen	L	Steven Robert	U	Christopher Selmi	U
				Hyttinen, Tabitha J.	U
Baker, Roberta Tripp	U	Dandeneau, Evelyn L	D	Jackson, Darlene A	U
Baker, William J	U	Dandeneau, Henry G	U	Jackson, Lisa Marie	D
Belval, Marilyn Hurd	U	Dandeneau, Henry J.	U	Jackson, Oral L	U
Belval, William C	U	Dandeneau, Marion E	U	Jolly, Russell W	D
Benson, Francis S	U	Danek, Helen E	U		
Benson, Luella M	U	Danek, Lillian H	D	Kalaus, Dorothy M	U
Berry, Prudence	D	Danek, Thomas P, Jr	U	Kalaus, Warren	U
Besgen, Anne E	U	Danek-Burke, Lisa	D	Katz, Deborah Booth	U
Bickford, Linda Jean	D	Daviau, Edward A	D	Katz, Esther D	U
Bjork, Alan W	R	Daviau, Sandra P	D	Katz, Rebecca Leah	D
Bjork, Florence M	R	Davidson, Robert B, Sr	U	Keppler, David J	U
Bjork, Timothy J	U	Dionne, Loretta Irene	D		
Booth, Robin	D	Donelson, Brian A	R	Laffond, Cynthia M	U
Boutwell, Joyce A H	U	Donelson, Norma J	R	Laffond, Laurie L	U
Boutwell, Raymond L	U	Donovan, Eugene J	D	Laffond, Leonard J	U
Boyd, Irene M	U	Donovan, Sandra A	U	Laffond, Michael S	U
Boyd, William M	U	Dunnell, Dale W	U	Lager, Joan Selby	U
Bradley, Kenneth	U	Dunnell, Paul P	R	Landry, Phyllis J	U
Bradley, Michael F	U	Dvore, David	U	Larned, Danielle M	D
Bradley, Patrick M	U	Dykeman, Mary Ann	U	Larned, Lance P	U
Bradley, Rebecca P	U	Dykeman, Robert L	U	Lenth, David W	R
Brown, Joann M	D			Lenth, Mary E	U
Brown, June W	R	Faivre, Audrey I	U	Lesure, Lawrence M	U
Brown, Leonard J, Jr	R	Fensky, Doris C	U	Levitte, Cristine	U
Brown, Lillian Norma	R	Fensky, Kenneth G	U	Lively, Abigail R	U
Brown, Reed Edwin	R	Flagg, Donna J	U	Lively, Andrew J	U
Brown, William M	R	Foberg, Benjamin A	U	Lively, Carol F	U
Bryant, Capri	U	Foberg, Kirsten E	U	Lively, Deborah L	U
Bryant, Lisa A	D	Foshay, Angela F	D	Lively, Dennis G	U
Buck, Elizabeth V.	U	Foster, Bernice A	U	Lively, James W	U
Buck, Philip Edward	U	Foster, William G	U	Lively, Jonathan A	U
Burke, Daniel J	U	Fuller, Mary Jo Anne	U	Lively, Sandra Julia	U
				Loomis, Leann Zavotka	U
Carlow, Earl	D	Gabert, Virginia C	U	Loomis, Ruth E	U
Carlow, Myra Bennett	D	Gallagher, Robert L	U	Loomis, Sean R	U
Cascone, Nancy J	U	Gary, Virginia P	D	Loomis, William A	U
Chiofalo, Thomas L	U	Gaudry, George L	R	Lowell, Frederick K.	D
Cirinna, Geoffrey T	D	Glass, Helene S	D		
Clancy, Robert J	D	Glass, Herbert L	D	Markert, Karen	D
Corarito, Arthur D	U	Gleason, Susan P	U	Markert, Robert T	U
Corarito, Maryann	U	Gordon, Ronald P	U	May, Dennis F	U
Cousineau, David A	U	Gordon, Rosemary R	U	May, Edwin L	R
Cousineau, Heidi	D	Grogan, Barbara	R	May, Gail	U
Cowie, Bruce W	D			May, Katherine E	R
Cowie, Janet L B	D	Hardison, Billy L	D	May, Kristina A	R
Crowningshield,		Hardison, Leonda Iris	U	May, Paul E	R
Debra Ann	U	Heiligmann, Carlos	D	McKee, James M	U
Crowningshield,		Heiligmann,		McLatchy, Kerri L	U
Howard C	U	Katherine S	D	McLatchy, Lesley K	U
Crowningshield,		Houghtaling,		McLatchy, Meghan Kristine	D
Jeanette	U	Melissa A	U		

McLatchy, Paul, Jr	U	Reed, Robin W	D	Taylor, James W	U
McLatchy, Paul III	D	Reynolds-Gallagher,		Taylor, Joshua B	D
Miller, Clayton	U	Danette L	U	Taylor, Sharon L	U
Miller, Daniel J	U	Rice, Bradley J	U	Taylor, Susan Berry	U
Miller, Deborah	U	Rice, Dean T	R	Thane, Joseph E	U
Miller, Ellen B	U	Rice, Jennifer L	R	Tower, Christine A	R
Miller, Lisa L	D	Rice, Margaret B	U		
Morano, Cara	U	Rice, Robert R	U	Vadeboncoeur,	
Morano, Chris	U	Richardson, Rebecca F	D	Joseph A	U
Morse, Alfred C, Jr	U	Roberson, David A	U	VanItallie, JeanClaude	U
Morse, Jennifer A.	D	Roberson, Laura S	U	Veber, Carole A	R
Morse, Marjorie H	U	Robinson, Sayward M	D	Veber, Florence M	U
		Roccio, Paulette A	U	Veber, Shirley	R
Nordstrom, Carrie	D	Roche, Barbara J	D	Veber, Terry	R
		Rode, Christina M	R	Veber, Tiffany R	R
Packard, Ellynn Baxter	D	Rossi, John F	R	Vernes, Elizabeth Anna	D
Packard, John R H	D	Rossi, Martha	U	Vernes, Ian Arie	U
Paige, Clifford III	U			Volland, Phyllis E	D
Paige, Mary Eve	U	Scrivens, Betty R	U		
Palmer, Edwin A	U	Scrivens, David F	U	Wayne, David B	D
Palmer, Ellsworth E	U	Sherman, Connie Anne	U	Webster, Gideon K	U
Parent, Jeffery E	U	Sherman, Dohn Wayne	U	Wessman, Daniel J	U
Parent, Kevin M	U	Shields, Helen R	D	White, Gerrit C	U
Parent, Margaret G	U	Shippee, Julie J	R	White, Glenn M	U
Parent, Willian Morse	U	Shippee, Kenneth R	R	White, Susan M	D
Petersen, Daureen W	U	Silva, Carrie Y	R	Williams, Albert R	U
Phelps, Abigail M	U	Silva, Edward J	U	Williams,	
Phelps, Daniel R, Jr	U	Silva, Robert A	U	Frederick Newton	U
Phelps, MaryJo Anne	U	Silva, Sandra J	U	Williams, James H	R
Phillips, Michael J	U	Simpson, Eliakim H	D	Williams, James Thomas	R
Pickett, Felicity	D	Smith, Floyd W	U	Williams, Jay T	R
Pierce, Judith A	R	Smith, Phyllis T	U	Williams, John H	U
Pike, Laurie Jean	U	Snyder, Catherine T	U	Williams, Nancy N	U
Poehlein, David Gregory	U	Snyder, Timothy C	R	Williams, Robert O	U
Poplawski,		Sousa, James E	D	Wilson, Douglas Rev	D
Claudine Micheala	U	Soviecke, Karen	U	Wilson, Marilyn	D
Poplawski, Daniel Paul	U	Soviecke, Mitchell	U	Wilson, Raymond	D
Powers, Russell L	U	Sprague, Brittani M	U	Wood,	
		Sprague, Katherine D	R	Jennifer Younglove	D
Quinn, Melissa S	D	Sprague, Kevin D	U	Wood, Susan Carol	D
Quinn, Richard K	D	Stetson, Jane B	U	Woodward, Eleanor L	R
Quist, Kelle J	U	Stetson, Wendell L	U	Woodward, Martin V	R
Quist, Walter J	U	Stickney, Barbara	R		
		Strules, Jennifer E	U	Zielonka, Stanley R	U
Reardon, Crystal J	U	Sutherland, Jennie R	D		
Reardon, Mary A	U	Sutherland, Wendy S	D		
Reardon, Tiffany J	U	Swenson, Kristen C	R		
Reardon, William Neil	U				
				TOTAL VOTERS	283

# Town of Rowe - Dogs Licenses - 2011

(licenses expire March 31, 2012)

Owner	Address	Sex	Age	Breed	Color	Rabies Vac Due	Date Licensed	Lic Type
Alix	59 Middletown Hill Road	SF	8	Rat Terrier	Tri-Color	01/29/2013	1/18/11	Renewal
Miller	160 Hazelton Road	M	10	Beagle Mix	Tri-Color	09/07/2012	1/18/2011	Renewal
Miller	160 Hazelton Road	SF	12	Beagle	Tri-Color	03/14/2012	1/18/2011	Renewal
Gabert	144 Leshure Road	NM	13	German Shepherd Mix	Tri-Color	09/08/2013	1/25/11	Renewal
Lively	11 Pettie Road	SF	12	Shepherd Mix	Black/Tan	03/14/2012	1/10/11	Renewal
Wood	19 Stone Road	SF	2	Beagle	Brown/White/Black	8/2013	3/16/2011	New
Brown	110 Country Road	NM	7	German Shepherd	Black	2/1/2014	3/1/2011	Renewal
Bjork	42 Leshure Road	SF	8	Sheltie	Sable	05/04/2013	2/11/11	Renewal
Crowningshield	106 Zoar Road	SF	12	Border Collie	Black/White	03/16/2012	2/10/2011	Renewal
Lively	4 Stone Hill Road	M	4	Aust. Shepherd (Cattle Dog)	Brown/White	09/26/2010	1/25/11	Renewal
Cousineau	30 Old Cyrus Stage Road	SF	6	Shiba Inu	Black/Tan	3/25/2012	3/8/2011	Renewal
Cousineau	30 Old Cyrus Stage Road	SF	12	Pomeranian	Tan	05/11/2012	3/8/2011	Renewal
Cousineau	30 Old Cyrus Stage Road	M	3.5	Shiba Inu (Sheba)	Red/White	11/07/2011	3/8/2011	Renewal
Cousineau	30 Old Cyrus Stage Road	SF	2	Shiba Inu	Black & Tan	11/11/2013	3/8/2011	Renewal
Carlow	42 Ford Hill Road	NM	6	Boxer/Lab	Black	01/26/2014	02/16/2011	Renewal
Carlow	42 Ford Hill Road	NM	6	Boxer/Lab	Black	01/26/2014	02/16/2011	Renewal
Gallagher	30 Porter Road	NM	8	Border Collie/Lab	Chocolate	01/20/2014	04/06/2011	Renewal
Gallagher	30 Porter Road	SF	14	Lab	Yellow	01/20/2014	04/06/2011	Renewal
Dandeneau	272 Zoar Road	F	12	Brittany Spaniel	White/Orange	12/09/2011	2/15/2011	Renewal
Jolly	19 Stone Road	SF	15	Retriever/Golden Mix	Blonde/Gold	03/15/2011	2/8/2011	Renewal
Williams	106 Middletown Hill Road	SF	11	Mixed Breed	Black/Tan	01/11/2013	1/25/11	Renewal
Williams	106 Middletown Hill Road	SF	5	Shepherd Mix	Yellow/White	02/10/2014	1/25/11	Renewal
Daviau	17 Porter Road	SF	12	Sheltie	Tri-Color	10/07/2011	2/10/2011	Renewal
Daviau	17 Porter Road	SF	9	Chihuahua	Brown	10/07/2011	2/10/2011	Renewal
Daviau	17 Porter Road	SF	8	Cocker	Chocolate	11/04/2012	2/10/2011	Renewal
White	245 Leshure Road	SF	9	Aussie Mix	Gray Tan Mix	11/12/2012	06/01/2011	Renewal
White	65 Porter Road	NM	11	Golden Retriever	Blonde	03/01/2013	1/18/11	Renewal
Sutherland	202 Leshure Road	SF	4	Terrier Mix	White/Tan	02/24/2012	1/25/11	Renewal
Sutherland	202 Leshure Road	NM	12	Corgi	Tri-Color	02/24/2012	1/25/11	Renewal
Tower	234 Zoar Road	SF	8 mths	Pug	Fawn	11/11/2011	04/06/2011	New
Rice	88 Davis Mine Road	SF	7	Black Lab	Black	04/13/2012	2/2/2011	Renewal
Dionne	21 Hazelton Road	M	9	Doberman	Black/Tan	05/27/2014	06/01/2011	Renewal
Crowningshield	450 Tunnel Road	M	5	Choc Lab	Chocolate	03/27/2013	2/5/2011	Renewal
Avery	276 Zoar Road	F	2	Collie Mix	Tri-Color	03/12/2014	06/16/2011	Renewal
Crowningshield	37 Steele Brook Road	NM	2.5	Dalmation	White w/Brown Spots	03/12/2014	04/27/2011	Renewal
Tower	234 Zoar Road	SF	14	Mini. Schnauzer	White	03/26/2013	04/06/2011	Renewal
Sprague	242 Ford Hill Road	M	1 1/2	Choc Lab	Chocolate	09/18/2013	1/16/11	Renewal
Sprague	242 Ford Hill Road	F	5	Lab/Retriever	Chocolate	02/19/2013	1/16/11	Renewal
Sprague	242 Ford Hill Road	F	6	Lab/Retriever	Chocolate	03/12/2013	1/16/11	Renewal
Sprague	242 Ford Hill Road	NM	6	Choc Lab	Chocolate	03/27/2013	1/16/11	Renewal
Wessman	37 Davenport Road	SF	13	Egyptian Hound/Mix	Black/Tan	06/03/2012	06/08/2011	Renewal
Ash	6 Fine Hill Drive	NM	9	Retriever/Golden	Blonde	04/02/2012	04/06/2011	Renewal
Ash	6 Fine Hill Drive	NM	7	Retriever/Labrador	Black	04/02/2012	4/06/2011	Renewal
Shaw	78 Hazelton Road	SF	5	Shepherd Mix	Black/Tan	03/12/2014	06/16/2011	Renewal
Shaw	78 Hazelton Road	F	2.5	Daush/Retriever	Brindle	03/12/2014	06/16/2011	Renewal
Avery	276 Zoar Road	M	12	Pitbull	White	03/27/2013	06/16/2011	Renewal
Williams	58 Tatro Road	M	4	Plottound	Black Brindle	03/27/2012	04/27/2011	Renewal
Williams	58 Tatro Road	F	5	English Coonhound	Blue Tick	03/27/2012	04/27/2011	Renewal
Williams	58 Tatro Road	F	4	Plottound	Buck Skin	03/27/2012	04/27/2011	Renewal
Williams	58 Tatro Road	F	7	English Coonhound	Red Tick	03/27/2012	04/27/2011	Renewal
Harrison	22 Tunnel Road	SF	5	Lab	Yellow	03/27/2013	04/20/2011	Renewal

Owner	Address	Sex	Age	Breed	Color	Rabies Vac Due	Date Licensed	Lic Type
Taylor	58 Pond Road	SF	3	Keeshond	Black & Grey	03/23/2012	1/25/11	Renewal
Phelps	36 Petri Road	SF	9	Pitbull Terrier	Black/White	06/19/2012	06/29/2011	Renewal
Burdick	99 Brittingham Hill	M	3	Border Collie	Black w/White Collar & Tips	07/01/2012	04/13/2011	Renewal
Roberson	539 Tunnel Road	SF	10	Malinois	Black/Tan	9/26/2013	2/11/2011	Renewal
Roberson	539 Tunnel Road	SF	3	Belgian Malinois Mix	Fawn w/Black Face	05/27/2012	02/11/2011	Renewal
Loomis	63 Middletown Hill Road	M	1	Mixed Breed	Black	3/2011	3/15/11	New
Booth	194 Leshure Road	SF	3.5	Golden Retriever	Blonde/Gold	03/28/2014	04/01/2011	Renewal
Glass	6 Kings Highway	SF	3	Havanese	White w/Black Saddle, Tri-Color	08/27/2012	02/05/2011	Renewal
Markert	377 Tunnel Road	SF	5	Great Pyrennes	White/Tan	09/01/2013	04/20/2011	Renewal
Packard	47 Stone Hill Road	SF	14	Brittany Spaniel	Liver/White	5/7/2013	2/5/2011	Renewal
Packard	47 Stone Hill Road	M	8	Brittany Spaniel	Orange/White	5/7/2013	2/5/2011	Renewal
Quist	4 Ford Hill Road	NM	4	Schipperke	Black	04/12/2012	1/15/11	Renewal
Wayne	PO Box 271	SF	16	Chihuahua	Tan/White	4/8/2012	3/29/2011	VOID / Mistake
Andognini	163 Hazelton Road	SF	7	Airedale Terrier	Black/Tan	02/10/2012	02/19/2011	Renewal
Andognini	163 Hazelton Road	NM	11	Airedale Terrier	Black/Tan	02/10/2012	02/19/2011	Renewal
Gary	141 Cyrus Stage Road	M	5	Choc Lab	Chocolate (Brown)	03/16/2012	3/29/2011	Renewal
Gary	141 Cyrus Stage Road	SF	8	Mixed Breed	Brown and White	03/16/2012	3/29/2011	Renewal
Gary	141 Cyrus Stage Road	M	6	Mixed Breed	Multi (Brown/White/Tan)	03/16/2012	3/29/2011	Renewal
Silva	123 Davis Mine Road	M	1	Choc Lab Retriever	Chocolate (Brown)	03/27/2014	06/11/11	New
Reed	48 Hazelton Road	NM	6	Spaniel Mix	Black	11/12/2013	3/1/2011	Renewal
Brown	16 Shumway Road	M	3	Beagle Mix	Tri-Color	05/01/2013	3/29/2011	Renewal
McLarchy	17 Newell Cross Road	SF	6	Lab/Bull Mastiff	Black/White	04/20/2011	04/20/2011	Renewal
Wilson	37 Potter Road	SF	6	Bichon Frise	White	04/18/2011	3/16/2011	Renewal
Lively	148 Davenport Road	M	6	Choc Lab Retriever	Chocolate (Brown)	08/11/2012	3/16/11	Renewal
Favre	29 Potter Road	SF	8	Golden Retriever	Blonde	09/13/2012	04/06/2011	Renewal
Dunnell	137 Leshure Road	SF	13	Cockapoo	Blonde	03/27/2013	2/5/2011	Renewal
Rode	131 Zoar Road	M	2	Yorkshire Terrier	Multi - Brown, Black & Silver	3/9/2014	3/29/2011	Renewal
Wilson	37 Potter Road	M	1	Bichon Frise	White	04/30/2011	3/16/2011	New
Zielonka	48 Old Cyrus Stage Road	SF	3	Poodle, Toy	Apricot	06/25/2012	01/26/2011	Renewal
Zielonka	48 Old Cyrus Stage Road	SF	4	Phantom Teacup Poodle	Black	06/25/2012	01/26/2011	Renewal
Zielonka	48 Old Cyrus Stage Road	SF	6	Chihuahua	Brown and White	01/05/2011	01/26/2011	Renewal
Zielonka	48 Old Cyrus Stage Road	SF	2	Poodle, Miniature	Apricot	04/26/2011	01/26/2011	Renewal
Rice	85 Ford Hill Road	SF	10	Mixed Breed	Tri-Color	06/20/2012	02/22/2011	Renewal
Rice	85 Ford Hill Road	M	2	Great Dane	Black	07/20/2013	02/22/2011	Renewal
Rice	85 Ford Hill Road	M	2	Great Dane	Black	07/20/2013	02/22/2011	Renewal
Laffond	208 Hazelton Road	NM	6	Golden Retriever	Yellow	07/06/2013	06/01/2011	Renewal
Laffond	208 Hazelton Road	SF	2	Yorkshire Terrier	Black/Brown	07/06/2013	06/01/2011	Renewal
Poplawski	37 Shippee Road	SF	2	Lab/Retriever	Black	06/29/2013	1/16/11	Renewal
Katz	80 Davenport Road	NM	9	Setter	Black/Tan	06/03/2013	04/27/2011	Renewal
Katz	80 Davenport Road	NM	4	Great Pyrennes	White	04/23/2012	04/27/2011	Renewal
Fensky	80 Davenport Road	NM	2	Maltese Mix	White	04/01/2011	04/01/2011	Renewal
Markert	93 Brittingham Hill Road	SF	1.5	Border Collie	Black/White	03/17/2014	04/01/2011	Renewal
Parent	39 Stone Hill Road	M	9	Springer Spaniel	White	05/01/2011	04/20/2011	Renewal
Hudson	15 Newell Cross Road	SF	1	Shih Tzu	Liver/White (White with Kidney)	9/2011	1/15/11	Renewal
Jackson	88 Hazelton Road	NM	5	German Shepherd	Liver & Red	05/11/2011	1/25/11	Renewal
McLatchy	1 Pelham Drive	M	3	Chocolate Lab	Black/Red	12/17/2012	1/3/2011	Renewal
Bryant	11 Hazelton Road	F	1		Chocolate	6/26/2012	3/8/2011	Renewal
Bryant	11 Hazelton Road	M	4	Beagle Basset Mix	Brown	8/6/12	8/17/11	New
Bryant	11 Hazelton Road	M	4	Terrier Mix	Tan/White w/Short Legs	8/6/12	8/17/11	Renewal
Bryant	11 Hazelton Road	SF	4	Lab Mix	White w/Black Spots	8/6/12	8/17/11	Renewal
Bryant	11 Hazelton Road	SF	11	Lab Mix	Black w/White Spots	8/6/12	8/17/11	Renewal
Bryant	11 Hazelton Road	NM	9	Toy Fox Terrier	White w/Brown Spots	8/6/12	8/17/11	Renewal
Larned	26 Newell Cross Road	SF	6	Australian Shepherd	Blue Merle	9/19/14	9/29/11	New
Shippee	Newell Cross Road	SF	6 mths	Lab Mix	Yellow	9/12/11	10/1/11	New

## Veterans' Agent

All Veterans' graves in the three cemeteries in town had new flags in place for Memorial Day 2011. As I always ask, if anyone knows of any veteran's grave that is either unmarked or does not have a flag and flag holder on it please contact me so that I can get one in place.

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of two of our town Veterans. Richard Tower and Martin Woodard, both Navy Veterans, passed away in the last 12 months, and the Veterans of Rowe extend their sympathies to their family and friends. Richard served during the Korean Conflict and Martin served during WW2 and saw battle on several fronts.

May we all keep in our thoughts and prayers all of our men and women in uniform who are protecting our freedoms in foreign lands and also within our own borders.

Due to ever-increasing paperwork and the state's new online reporting requirements I recommended to the Select Board that they consider joining the Central Franklin County Veterans District. As of April 1, 2012, the Select Board did vote to join the district, and Leo Parent will become the Agent for the town. I will remain as Veteran's Grave Officer. Leo has been the Regional Veterans' Agent for many years and will be there for any of our Veterans needing help.

Respectfully submitted,

David F. Scrivens  
Agent for Veterans/Grave Officer

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Thu 8 am - 9 am - Orange Town Hall

## Yankee Land Committee

Over the last several years the Yankee Land Committee has continued to investigate the possibility of the Town acquiring the 1,735 acres owned by the Yankee Atomic Electric Company. However, before the committee felt it could move forward in its next phase of discussion with the plant owners, their contractors, and those agencies and organizations that could assist the Town, the committee needed to gauge the support of the Town residents. Based on responses received as a result of a questionnaire sent to town voters in July of 2010, the Committee has been moving forward with its efforts to secure the former power plant property.

The Committee has established a partnership with The Franklin Land Trust to investigate land protection options. Last year the Committee also partnered with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) to secure grant funds to develop a re-use plan for the property. Funding from FRCOG, coupled with a matching donation of funds from the Conway School of Landscape Design, allowed the Conway School's staff, with input from town residents, to develop a use plan for the property. This plan entitled, "Yankee Rowe Revisited", will allow the Committee to consider how various management alternatives can be best suited to satisfy the economic, industrial, and recreational aspects of the property.

Rowe residents can be assured that any decisions reached as a result of discussion with our conservation partners and the property owners that will require a commitment by the Town will be brought to the attention of the appropriate town boards and committees and the Board of Selectmen prior to town-wide discussion and approval.

The Yankee Land Committee meets periodically and welcomes members of the public at our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Walt Quist, Co-Chair  
Leonard Laffond, Co-Chair  
Bill Loomis  
Jack Williams

# Zoning Board of Appeals

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The ZBA is fortunate to be working with the full complement of five members this year.

In April we held a Public Hearing on an application for a variance to Article V section 7 of the Rowe By-Laws filed by Gail and Dennis May of 14 Potter Road. After much discussion, research of germane laws, and many letters from townspeople in support of the application, the variance was granted by unanimous decision. The lovely antique Cape Cod-style house, circa 1853, was saved.

An application for a variance from Ronald Jette of 18 Old Cyrus Stage Road was again considered. A permit was originally issued for the construction of storage space and workshop. Mr. Jette now wishes to make that structure a residence. It was decided that Mr. Jette should present the ZBA with the reasoning given by the Board of Health when they refused his request.

Respectfully submitted,

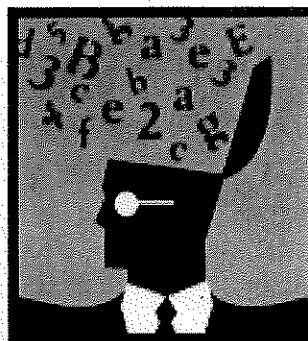
Marilyn Wilson, Chair  
Russell Jolly  
Paul McLatchy III  
Lenny Laffond  
Bob Dykeman





## PART II

### Education



# Congratulations to our 2011 Graduates



*Veber family photo*

Samantha Veber

## Rowe Elementary School – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class



L - R: Sara Paige, Tyler Rice, Hanna Poplawski, Sara Gokey,  
Christina Lively, Geneva Hoggs and Benjamin Sherman

*Photo by Bob Clancy*

# School Enrollments 2011-12

## Rowe Elementary School - Pre-K thru 6

40	Rowe residents
29	School of Choice-In
	( 4) Buckland
	( 6) Charlemont
	( 1) Colrain
	( 3) Hawley
	(12) Heath
	( 1) Monroe
	( 2) North Adams
69	<b>TOTAL</b>

Collaboratives  
0

Charter School  
0

Out-of-District Public  
0

Home Schooled Students  
0 Elementary Level  
0 Middle/High School Level

Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School  
23

School of Choice - Out  
(unknown)

Franklin County Technical High School  
5

Grade Pre-K - 6:	70
Grade 7 - 12:	29
<b>Total Students:</b>	<b>99</b>
Less School Choice	(29)
<b>Total Rowe Students</b>	<b>70</b>

Private - The Bement School  
2

## Rowe School Population - by grade

School Year 2011-2012

	Grade														
	PreK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Rowe Elem School - Town Students	5	4	3	5	9	3	6	5							40
Rowe Elem School - Choice Students	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	3							29
Mohawk Trail Regional MS/HS									7	6	3	2	4	1	23
Franklin County Tech HS											1	1	3	0	5
Home Schooled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private School	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	8	7	7	9	14	7	10	8	7	6	5	3	7	1	99
Less Choice	-3	-3	-4	-4	-4	-4	-4	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	-29
<b>Total Rowe</b>	5	4	3	5	10	3	6	5	7	6	5	3	7	1	70
Classes not offered															

# School Committee

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In 2011 we saw the departure of two of our important corner stones of the Rowe Elementary School. Maggie Rice, member and chair of the Rowe School Committee for 27 years and Bob Clancy our principal for 14 years. Their dedication and love of the Rowe School have made us what we are today. One of the top ranked elementary schools in the state MCAS testing, a Great School rating of 10 (10 being the best), one of the few elementary schools in the state to be New England Association of Schools & Colleges accredited, our educational programs are so strong that each year we meet and exceed our School of Choice quotas. With the educational foundation that Maggie and Bob have built, we continue to place a large percent of our 7-12 students on honors and high honors each year. Through their efforts our 50+ year old school building is in excellent shape. They, along with Jack Packard, Rowe's Energy Committee chair, were instrumental in implementing the many energy savings changes under the Energy Performance Contract project and the installation of our 18.4 kW ground mounted photovoltaic solar system that went live in January 2011. Both projects reduced our annual energy expenses, but more importantly the school carbon foot print is reduced, which is so important in today's world environment. We will miss you both dearly and will try to continue on the path that you two have laid out for us.

In May the town elected two new members to the school committee; Lisa Miller and myself. Our election platform was to continue with the many good educational practices already in place and try to improve in the following areas: 1) to increase participation of parents, teachers and staff at the school committee meetings in all school matters with emphasis on school policy decision making, 2) become less dependent on the Mohawk Central Office such as returning control of our school budget back to the principal and school secretary, 3) allow the principal to recommend the use of the school grants and return the principal to the position of primary contact for our school grants 4) eliminating Central Office services that are not required, and 5) eliminate any concerns our teachers and staff have while performing their school duties properly. Progress has been slow but we have seen some improvement in these areas.

Because of the large effort by our incumbent member, Lisa Danek-Burke, our new Three-Year Teacher contract (Aug 2011 to Aug 2014) was a great success for the town and teachers.

In July we welcomed our new principal, Bill Knittle, aboard. In his first principal ship, Bill is learning the ropes and we have witnessed his dedication, love of children and his desire to participate and provide new ideas. As a part of our excellent team, he will no doubt make an excellent principal for Rowe in years to come.

During the spring of 2011 the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Committee began internal discussions on amending the district agreement as it pertains to Rowe's tuition. Their feeling is Rowe is now not contributing its fair share based on changes to State Aid formulas. They are also discussing whether Rowe should again become a district member. Rowe reluctantly gave up its membership in 1982 so that the district could receive approximately \$300,000 of additional state aid each year. No proposed amendment has been written to date.

The Mohawk School Committee has also prepared a new Three-District Shared Expense Agreement. This is an agreement between the three districts (Mohawk, Hawlemont and Rowe) on how to divide up the costs of Central Office services, such as the Superintendent's salary. As of the end of 2011, Rowe has not approved this new agreement as we have repeatedly requested information as to why our annual assessment will increase by 39% over the assessment in the current agreement.

At the December 21, 2011 Special Town meeting the town voted to increase the school budget by \$63,000 to cover additional students attending both Mohawk and Franklin County Technical schools. We are currently working on our next year's School Budget (FY2013). In past years one school budget warrant article—covering the K-6 elementary school budget (which includes the central office assessment), and the 7-12 Mohawk/Franklin Technical school tuitions—was presented to the voters at the annual town meeting. Each time the student tuition charge increased, or the number of tuition students increased, the elementary budget had to be reduced to meet the 2½% mandate. These reductions have negatively affected the quality of education we can provide to our local Elementary School students. The committee voted to request two separate warrant articles for the FY2013 elementary school budget. The first article will be for the K-6 budget (includes the central office assessment), and the second article will be for the tuitions to Mohawk and Franklin Technical schools.

The Rowe School Committee continues to work in the best interest of our children and the town.

Respectfully submitted,

William Loomis, Chair  
School Committee

**School Committee:**  
William A. Loomis, Chair  
Lisa A. Danek-Burke  
Lisa L. Miller

# Rowe Elementary School - Principal's Report

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It is my pleasure to submit the calendar year Principal's Report for Rowe Elementary School. 2011 for Rowe School students and staff was a great year of continued success.

- Rowe School students achieved high MCAS test scores in both English Language Arts and Math.
- At the beginning of the school year, Rowe School teachers evaluated reading abilities of all students with the Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment Test. This assessment provides meaningful information about both instructional and independent reading levels and supports Guided Reading program.
- Guided Reading allows the teachers to target reading instruction directly at a student's instructional reading level. For those students who test below grade level, we have introduced a reading intervention program for grades K-2, Leveled Literacy Intervention, that allows teachers to work with small groups of students to help them progress toward reading at grade level.
- Our solar array is working well, providing over 20% of our electrical demands.
- Kindergarten through grade six students hiked Catamount, learning much about local flora and fauna while enjoying a beautiful day together.
- Enrichment activities during and after school included sports offerings, hikes, skating in Greenfield, skiing at Berkshire East, and an increase in our use of Pelham Lake Park.
- Our Culture Study focused on Italy this year. In addition to activities in each classroom, the Culture Study comprised a variety of mini-courses, as well as a delicious Italian feast, and culminated in all-school performance of plays and song created by the classroom, Music, and Art teachers.

- The Rowe Parent Teacher Partnership held their 12th Holly Berry Craft Fair; attended by locals and out of towners alike, the event is an important fundraiser that generates money used for the betterment of our school.
- In March, the annual Spaghetti Supper fundraiser for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip was held. It was a terrific success, raising more than \$1,000, which was used to support the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C.
- Volunteerism remains high as students worked for local, national, and international relief efforts. Locally, students collected food for the "Good Neighbors" pantry and money for "Adopt-A-Family," "Warm the Children", and "UNICEF." Students also worked in the school's flower and vegetable beds and continue to be good citizens locally, while thinking globally.
- SCA/AmeriCorps volunteers worked with students one day a week for 4-months with projects in environmental science.
- Fifth and sixth grade students visited Washington, D.C.
- Students continue to learn and speak Spanish in the pre-school classroom and up through the sixth grade, entering Mohawk with solid World Language skills.

Once again the learning adventure remains solid thanks to the continued support of our Rowe School families and the citizens of Rowe. Thank you to the Town of Rowe for continued support of your students at the Rowe Elementary School, the Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School, and the Franklin County Technical High School.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Knittle, Principal  
Rowe Elementary School

# Mohawk Trail Regional School District, Hawlemont Regional School District and Rowe Elementary School - Superintendent's Report

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## Introduction

The Mohawk, Hawlemont, and Rowe School Districts are each guided by five strategic educational goals which are set by the School Committees. Administration and teaching staff are responsible for developing and implementing improvement plans to meet these goals as well as many other State and Federal requirements. Significant progress was made during 2011. Below are some highlights. More details are available at [www.mohawkschools.org](http://www.mohawkschools.org).

### **Goal #1: All students will be provided a safe, respectful, and healthy environment that promotes learning**

The 3-Districts reviewed and revised the social curriculum which promotes students' social and academic success. Three programs are being implemented across the 3-Districts (Second Step in grades K-2; Steps to Respect in grades 3-6; and Olweus in grades 7-10). The High School piloted a successful and popular peer leadership course. More than 20% of the high school students signed up for Peer Leadership so the course was expanded to three sections. Additionally, the 3-Districts revised their Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plans, which were approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

### **Goal #2: All students will be provided diverse learning opportunities**

The 3-Districts integrated the related arts into social studies at a 3-District 5<sup>th</sup> grade Colonial Fair which was held at Buckland's Wilder Homestead. This successful event was coordinated by related arts and fifth grade teachers. The positive experience of the Colonial Fair has inspired the teachers to schedule a 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Colonial Fair in May 2012. A 3-District Field Day for sixth graders and a 3-District Arts Fair are also being considered as ways to further integrate the arts. To provide diverse learning opportunities for all students, the use of technology has been expanded. Several high school students piloted virtual education by taking courses online. This approach to learning will need to be further refined. The middle school has a new computer lab and all elementary schools now have interactive whiteboards.

### **Goal #3: All students will be taught by highly qualified (and inspiring) staff**

The 3-Districts reviewed and revised the process for assessing and providing professional development. When the 2011-2012 school calendar and professional development calendar were planned, online survey results from parents, teachers, and staff were taken into consideration. The 3-Districts are beginning to use common assessment results, in addition to MCAS results, to guide professional development. A common assessment plan and schedule were created for English Language Arts and math for grades K-6. Students will be assessed periodically throughout the year according to the new assessment schedule. Results will be reported on both school and district levels. These common assessment results as well as MCAS results will help identify needs

among teachers and students. Future professional development will be planned strategically to meet teachers' needs.

### **Goal #4: All students will reach high standards across the curriculum**

In summer 2011 Massachusetts published new curriculum frameworks mapped to the national Common Core State Standards. These rigorous frameworks contain consistent, clear standards which explain in detail what students are expected to learn at each grade level. As teachers and parents become familiar with the standards, they will know what is expected of students and how to foster academic growth. The standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world. The goal of the frameworks is for all students to be college and career ready when they graduate from high school. During 2011-2012, teachers and administrators have focused on getting to know the MA 2011 Math and English Language Arts Curriculum Frameworks. Teachers have started mapping the districts' reading and math programs to these frameworks. A curriculum writing project will begin soon and will be a major area of focus in 2012 - 2013.

### **Goal #5: The District will foster a culture of community building**

At the beginning of the school year, Tropical Storm Irene created many opportunities for the schools to expand community outreach and engagement. The middle and high school hosted the Massachusetts Army National Guard during emergency efforts. The gym was transformed into a barracks and the cafeteria became a "chow hall." Even the Superintendent's conference room was used as a command and control center. Later the conference room became the office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency office while FEMA processed emergency applications for community members. Colrain Central School served as an emergency shelter for area residents as did Mohawk for Buckland residents. Buckland-Shelburne Elementary hosted Hawlemont Regional Elementary School for more than two months while the Hawlemont school building was being restored. Students, staff, and community members from all three districts reached out to help in various ways, including an impressive community support donations drive.

## **The Year Ahead**

In 2011, the Mohawk, Hawlemont, and Rowe School Districts made substantial progress toward achieving their educational goals, but there is much more that needs to be accomplished in the coming year. In particular, I look forward to working with many of our talented teaching staff on a comprehensive curriculum action plan. This effort holds great promise for our students' learning. 2011 marks my sixth year of service to the 3-Districts. I am increasingly honored and privileged to serve your children.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Buoniconti  
Superintendent of Schools

# Mohawk Trail Regional High School - Principal's Report

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Over the course of this past year Mohawk articulated its core values. Beginning in January 2011, the School Council (also known as Local Education Council) and the school administration of Principal Lynn Dole and Assistant Principal Joey Kotright-Clark organized a series of Community Conversations to elicit input about the community's expectations and hopes for the school. During the spring more than 250 people participated in 18 Community Conversations in venues as diverse as coffeehouses, senior centers, living rooms, churches, libraries, and classrooms. We distilled the many comments into a few essential statements of our foundational commitments as a school community:

1. Mohawk values and supports inspired teaching and learning, as well as imagination, initiative, and independent thinking.
2. Mohawk cultivates rigorous academics and embraces diverse approaches to learning, within and beyond the classroom.
3. Mohawk encourages self-expression and respects and responds to students' voices.
4. Mohawk fosters a sense of responsibility for one's self, others, and the environment.
5. Mohawk commits to effective partnerships through communication and collaboration among staff, students, families, and community.
6. Mohawk reflects the vibrancy of the community and natural environment that surrounds it.

These six statements represent the aspirations and values of our school community, and they provide us with focus and direction as we work toward continually improving our school.

These foundational commitments are expressed through expanded course offerings including Solar Technology, World Cuisine, Baking, and Archaeology. This year several students have participated in internships with local businesses and community members, made possible through collaboration with the Shelburne Falls Area Business Association. Various cultural events highlighted the school's connection to the community, including student performances in "You Belong to Me: World War II Veterans' Stories and Music of the Era"; the script was drawn from interviews with local World War II veterans, several of whom attended the presentation. The Mohawk Folk Rock event in December brought about 250 people to the building to enjoy the music of local band Rani Arbo and daisy mayhem, to appreciate a series of dance performances by Mohawk and Sanderson students as well as two adult troupes, and to dance. The Mohawk Arts and Education Council (MAEC) staged a production of *Death of a Salesman* in the spring and will present Jean-Paul Sartre's play *No Exit* and a series of monologues in January. The Mohawk Music Department produces an all-school musical each year; in 2011 the show was *Fiorello!* and in 2012 the musical is *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*. The Mohawk Music Association and Local Cultural Councils have provided support for some of this arts programming. The Mohawk Athletic Association provides generous support for our athletic programs which engage over 40% of our students in afterschool sports.

At the midpoint of the 2011-2012 school year, enrollment in grades 7-12 is 553 students. The seventh grade has 85 students and the eighth grade has 116. There are 96 students in the ninth grade, 78 in the tenth grade, 96 students in the junior class, and 82 students in the senior class.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Dole  
Principal



## Special Education/Pupil Services

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The Districts' schools continue to provide responsive and effective specialized services to the disabled students in our educational community. Whether a student qualifies for an Individualized Education Program or a 504 Accommodation Plan, our continued growth on MCAS achievement for students with disabilities is evidence that our pupil services are improving student success. Our population of special needs students has grown slightly over the past year. Although this growing number challenges us, we continue to offer a wide variety of services that allow students to stay in their home schools, avoiding costly outside placements and maximizing the opportunity to engage in all aspects of the educational community.

The Districts' specialists and general educators work together to provide educational opportunity while minimizing the effect of disabilities. Regular education interventions have moved towards greater responsiveness to all students through differentiated instruction and more frequent assessments. Teachers are able to respond to information from these assessments by changing teaching strategies more readily. The District has adopted a bank of common assessments and a schedule of testing that all buildings will follow. Many schools will be using in-house data teams to gather and discuss these test results. District administrators are actively monitoring trends in assessment data to help shape professional development plans and curriculum.

The Districts continue to explore ways to provide full access to students with disabilities. Advances in assistive technology provide access to educational opportunities, both inside and out of classrooms, for many students who otherwise would miss

out on valuable educational experiences. These innovations in classroom sound systems, voice-to-text software, and assistive communication devices have made the classroom environment even more effective for non-disabled students, as well.

Massachusetts stands ready to adopt the new Federal Common Core Standards, not so very different from the standards the District has been following for many years. All Mohawk Trail, Hawlemont and Rowe district staffs are being trained in these new standards which define the skills and knowledge base all graduates should display. As students with disabilities approach graduation, they also have the support of a transition process that prepares them for twenty-first century living skills. Through career exploration, interest and aptitude inventories, independent living skills, and job placement, the District's special education personnel work with guidance counselors and community resources to find a path for each student. This path is lined with supportive services including academic support, speech and language therapy, counseling, occupational and physical therapy. Mohawk Trail, Hawlemont and Rowe districts have worked together to make our school system a good place for all students to get their elementary and secondary education and continue to do so in a fiscally responsible way.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Bell  
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

## Mary Lyon Foundation - *Innovative Support of Local Education*

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In celebration of our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary the Mary Lyon Foundation invited 20 outstanding people to inaugurate our newly established Honorary Advisory Board; accepting the invitation to join were Michael Coe, Charlie Cohn, Cady Coleman, Margarita Curtis, Peter Drummond-Hay, Donald Friary, Grace Friary, Ross Greene, Winston Healy, Fiona Hill, Willie Hill, Tracy Kidder, Lynn Pasquerella, Bob Pura, Paul Reville, Senator Stanley Rosenberg, Josh Simpson, Julie Upton-Wang, Richard Wilbur and Jane Yolen.

We remain grateful for the continuing support of the Myrtle Atkinson Foundation, the Cleveland Dodge Foundation, the Brookfield U.S. Foundation, Shelburne Falls Kiwanis, Greenfield Savings Bank, The Sandri Companies and many other generous civic organizations, businesses and individuals. School district staff payroll deductions augment the increasingly vital Harper Gerry Student Assistance Fund. New this year was the Robert Strong Woodward art scholarship awarded to an outstanding Mohawk senior.

In March our annual 2 day special education conference held at Deerfield Academy brought together 700 administrators, teachers and paraprofessionals from across western Massachusetts for 42 concurrent sessions and keynote speeches. The Community Spelling Bee in November raised money for the district Mini-Grant program and for those families affected by tropical Storm Irene. The Grand Championship team comprised of Ken Wood, Anita Upright and Rev. Rich Fournier was sponsored by the Mary Lyon Church in Buckland. In addition to numerous mini-grants across the district, the Mary Lyon Foundation gave \$5,000 to the Hawlemont School for the restoration of its playground, purchased tools for the Buckland-Shelburne School and distributed hundreds of Massachusetts books to school district staff and members of the community.

The Board of Directors, comprised of representatives from the local community, includes Past President Marion Taylor (Shelburne), President George Dole (Buckland), Vice President Hugh Knox (Shelburne), Corresponding Secretary Sharon Hudson (Rowe), Recording Secretary Suzanne Conway Lagreze (Colrain), Treasurer Karen Fairbrother (Buckland), Susan Todd (Ashfield), Jim Pilgrim (Plainfield), Stefan Kostka (Charlemont), Amy Love (Buckland) and Heather Viens (Colrain); Mohawk Trail Regional High School students Alina Schmidt and Rachel Richardson are full voting members. This year we accepted with deep regret the resignations of Tom and Karen Harmon (formerly of Buckland) and technology coordinator Dan Field (Greenfield). Gina Sieber is our Business Manager; Monique Miller, Marilyn McArthur and Molly Wheeler are part-time staff who provide energy and expertise for a wide variety of programs.

We greatly appreciate classroom space for our organization's office at the Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School and continue to work closely with all 7 schools in the Mohawk, Hawlemont and Rowe school districts in an effort to provide services, programs and events that enhance local education.

Respectfully submitted.

Susan B. Samoriski, Ed.D.  
Founding Executive Director

# Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Fund

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The fund was established under the provisions of the will of Carl H. Nilman for the purpose of providing scholarships. Recipients shall reside in the school district and be graduates of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School who desire and are deemed worthy of post high school education or training and who are in need of financial assistance.

This year the Awards subcommittee read 86 applications, 25 were from seniors and 61 from previous graduates of Mohawk. \$26,100.00 is to be awarded using 30% for seniors and 70% for graduates. The committee feels that seniors have multiple scholarship opportunities from other sources, while graduates have far fewer resources. 23 scholarships totaling \$7,800 were awarded to seniors (92% of applicants). 42 scholarships totaling \$18,300 were given to graduates (69% of applicants). The awards committee is Sheila Graves, Marion Scott (Buckland), Marge Porrovecchio (Charlemont), Eric Sumner (Heath), and Michelle Hillman (Colrain).

From 1991-2011 a total of \$749,475.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received \$231,325.00 and \$518,150.00 has been awarded to Mohawk graduates. The amount of this year's awards was reduced as a result of the School Committee's efforts to develop a new formula for determining what percentage of the funds should be distributed as scholarships.

Co-chairs of the committee are Marge Porrovecchio and Robin Hartnett. The Finance Committee is composed of David Engle, Marion Taylor and Jim Pilgrim. Marion Scott was chosen as secretary at the September meeting.

Other members of the committee are: Paula Consolo, member at large from Buckland, Jonathan Diamond from Heath and Rebecca Bradley. David Purington serves as our liaison to School Committee.

Since the beginning the Nilman Scholarship Committee has been the guardians of Carl's legacy to the community. It was with regret that we accepted the resignation of Judith Hoyt our financial advisor who offered her services pro bono. The School Committee has selected Bartholomew & Company Incorporated as our management firm.

The Mohawk community owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Nilman for his foresight in supporting higher education for the students of Mohawk Trail Regional High School. The committee members are honored to bring the wishes of his will to fruition.

Students of any age who are graduates of Mohawk (and were living in the nine town area at the time of graduation) are encouraged to apply for scholarships to help meet their continuing education needs. Call the Guidance Office at Mohawk for information regarding requirements and deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle F. Hillman  
Secretary

# Franklin County Technical School District

We submit this annual report for 2011 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Total enrollment as of October 1, 2011 was 511 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	11	Montague	75
Buckland	16	New Salem	8
Colrain	8	Northfield	24
Conway	13	Orange	62
Deerfield	21	Shelburne	14
Erving	19	Sunderland	15
Gill	14	Warwick	10
Greenfield	125	Wendell	5
Heath	7	Whately	10
Leyden	4	Non-District	44

Franklin County Technical School awarded 108 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2011. Massachusetts students are required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma and once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. The graduates also earned their vocational certificate along with their diploma. 45% of our graduates planned to go on to either a two or four year college, 31% joined the area work force, 2% planned to join the military, 3% went on to a post-secondary trade/technical school, and 19% were unsure as to which of the above options they would pursue. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2011.

During 2011, the students from various technical programs performed a variety of service projects benefiting many of our member towns and the city of Greenfield. We plan to continue supplying our constituent towns with these services as they offer both the ideal learning laboratories for our students as well as an opportunity to contribute back to the communities that have supported us so well over the years. A small sample of recent projects include construction of a single family home in collaboration with the Habitat for Humanity in Montague, continual service learning work in the Baystate Franklin Medical Center, Buckley-Greenfield Healthcare Center, and the Poet's Seat Health Care Center, wiring and lighting modifications at the Orange Airport, a turf upgrade project for the Swift River School in New Salem, and a transfer station building for Warwick. A number of programs also continue to routinely assist our building maintenance department, supplying services that reduce costs to our member towns.

F.C.T.S. is in the final stages of a complete renovation of our gymnasium. The project began immediately after the end of the school year in June 2011 with the removal of the existing synthetic flooring material by our custodial and maintenance staff. This was the original flooring from 1976 when the school was constructed and it was in extremely poor condition. A Gymnasium Renovation Committee composed of school committee members, administrators, teachers and coaches along with the athletic

director reviewed the various options for replacement flooring. The committee selected an engineered wood product that met or exceeded the six standards for sports flooring recognized worldwide as the best method for evaluating sports floors. The "HARO Helsinki 10" flooring system exhibits outstanding performance in the area of shock absorption, standard deformation, deformation control, ball rebound, friction and rolling load test. This system is a state-of-the-art athletic surface that also provides maximum health and safety protection for our student athletes. The gymnasium was painted by school staff and the HARO flooring was installed completely by F.C.T.S. Carpentry instructors with skilled student assistance, allowing the district to complete this long awaited renovation of the gymnasium facility with no capital request or extra cost to our nineteen member towns.

F.C.T.S., like every other school in the commonwealth, is preparing to transition to the new Common Core state standards. These new standards for academic instruction within our schools were written explicitly to define the knowledge and skills that students must master to be college and career ready by the end of high school. The Common Core standards have been adopted by 43 states and the District of Columbia and full implementation is expected by the 2013-2014 school year. The new standards support improved curriculum and instruction due to their increased focus, clarity, coherence and rigor. We look forward to incorporating these challenging but attainable new standards into the instruction that we provide.

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY (PLTW) is a national non-profit organization that partners with high schools to implement a curriculum that emphasizes hands-on experiences in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and F.C.T.S. introduced the first of four PLTW course offerings in September 2011. Introduction to Engineering Design (IED) was kicked off this school year with sixteen enthusiastic freshmen populating the inaugural class. The major focus of IED is the engineering design process and its application. Through hands-on projects, students apply engineering standards and document their work. Students use industry standard 3D modeling software to help them design solutions to solve proposed problems, document their work using an engineer's notebook, and communicate solutions to peers and members of the professional community. We will continue to phase in components of the program such as Principles of Engineering, Digital Electronics and Engineering Design and Development over the next three years. The course sequence in the PLTW program at F.C.T.S. is specifically designed to prepare students to pursue a post-secondary education and careers in STEM-related fields.

In closing, we will continue to work diligently to ensure that our graduates are an integral part of the economic development for the region and we thank each and every citizen of Franklin County for your continued support.

Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz    Mr.  
Richard K. Lane

School Committee Chairman  
Superintendent

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### Franklin County Technical School District Committee

**Bernardston**  
Lloyd J. Szulborski

**Buckland**  
Laura J. Earl

**Colrain**  
Nicole Slowinski

**Conway**  
Stephanie Recore

**Deerfield**  
*Vacancy*

**Erving**  
Robert F. Bitzer

**Gill**  
Clifford C. Hatch

**Greenfield**  
Larry D. Geiser  
Jeffrey D. Hampton  
Mark M. Maloney  
John A. Zon, Jr.

**Heath**  
Arthur A. Schwenger

**Leyden**  
Gerald N. Levine

**Montague**  
Richard J. Kuklewicz,  
Chairperson  
Dennis L. Grader

**New Salem**  
Jeff D. Adams

**Northfield**  
Gail V. Zukowski

**Orange**  
Clifford J. Fournier,  
Secretary  
Linda R. Chapman

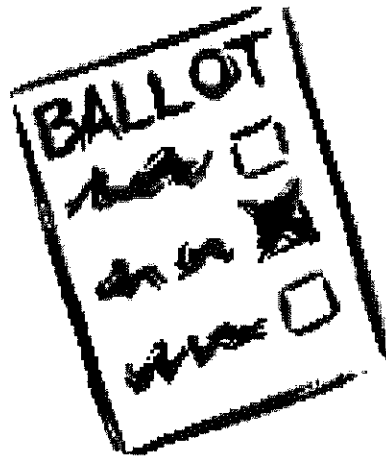
**Shelburne**  
Angus Dun

**Sunderland**  
James Bernotas

**Warwick**  
A. George Day, Jr.,  
Vice-Chairperson

**Wendell**  
Richard E. Drohen

**Whately**  
Donald C. Sluter



## PART III

### Elections and Town Meetings

# Annual Town Election Results - May 14, 2011

## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS May 14, 2011 – ROWE TOWN HALL 154 Citizens, of 293 Registered, Voted

Town Clerk:	Jennifer Morse Sprague	Tellers:	Marjorie Morse, Robin Reed
Warden:	Robin Reed		Shirley Veber, Prudence Berry
Constable:	Christine Tower		

<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 Yrs)</b>		<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 Yrs)</b>	
Frederick N. Williams (incumbent)	126	Joyce Boutwell	5
Blanks	18	Virginia Gabert	4
All Others	0	Blanks	128
		All Others	17
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Yrs)</b>		<b>PARK COMMISSIONER (3 Yrs)</b>	
Donald D'Astous	86	Mary Jo Phelps	111
Blanks	39	Blanks	32
All Others	29	All Others	11
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Yrs)</b>		<b>PLANNING BOARD (5 Yrs)</b>	
Noel Abbott	95	Sharon Hudson	116
Myra Carlow	9	Blanks	21
Dave Roberson	13	All Others	17
Blanks	22		
All Others	15		
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 Yrs)</b>		<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Yrs)</b>	
James W. Taylor	140	Margaret Parent	67
Blanks	14	William Loomis	76
		Blanks	11
<b>CONSTABLE (3 Yrs)</b>		<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE (2 Yrs)</b>	
Robert Dykeman	129	Lisa Miller	91
Blanks	20	William Loomis	12
All Others	5	Catherine Snyder	6
		Blanks	27
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 Yrs)</b>		All Others	18
Marilyn Wilson	58		
Blanks	75	<b>TOWN CLERK (3 Yrs)</b>	
All Others	21	Jennifer Morse Sprague	125
		Blanks	25
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 Yrs)</b>		All Others	4
Marilyn Wilson	17		
Margaret Parent	9	<b>TREASURER (3 Yrs)</b>	
Blanks	111	Heidi Cousineau	119
All Others	17	Blanks	35
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE (1 Yr)</b>			
David Dvore	5		
Raymond Wilson	5		
Blanks	123		
All Others	21		

Election Warden Robin Reed  
Date: May 14, 2011

A true copy,  
Attest: Jennifer Morse Sprague, Town Clerk  
Date: May 14, 2011



# Special Town Election Results - October 1, 2011

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## SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS October 1, 2011 – ROWE TOWN HALL 72 Citizens, of 288 Registered, Voted

Town Clerk:	Jennifer Morse Sprague
Warden:	Robin Reed
Tellers:	Marjorie Morse, Robin Reed, Shirley Veber
Constable:	Robert Dykeman

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### BOARD OF SELECTMEN \*

Robert J. Clancy	60
Greg Poehlein	8
All Others	<u>4</u>
Total	72

\*Elected to serve until May 2012 (Vacancy Expiration)

A true copy,

Attest: Jennifer Morse Sprague, Town Clerk

Date: October 1, 2011

# Special Town Meeting - February 1, 2011

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS - FY2011 Town of Rowe COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS February 1, 2011

The Special Town Meeting was held at Rowe Elementary School on Tuesday, February 1, 2011.

Moderator: Robert J. Clancy  
Town Clerk: Jennifer A. Morse Sprague  
Selectboard: Paul McLatchy III (Chair), William A. Loomis  
Tellers: Robin Reed, Evelyn Dandeneau  
Constable: Robert Dykeman  
Warrant was posted on January 18, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. with a quorum being present. Approximately 51 voters were present.

**Motion to Postpone Meeting:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will postpone the Special Town Meeting to Tuesday February 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. due to the inclement weather conditions and the possibility that Registered Voters who wished to attend were unable to.

**Amendment #1:** A motion was made and seconded that the Town postpone the Special Town Meeting to Tuesday February 8, 2011 at 7 p.m. due to confusion regarding the possible postponement via the town message and due to the inclement weather.

*Amendment #1 was defeated by a show of hands  
The Original Motion Was Then Defeated  
By a Show of Hands  
(16- Yes, 19- No)*

**ARTICLE 1:** To act on the following citizens' petition:

A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to authorize the appointment by the Selectmen, of a special study committee to be known as the Special Rowe Elementary School District Study Committee, of seven (7) members, and to empower said committee, to conduct a thorough study of the Rowe School District, including the contracts with the Mohawk District for furnishing business office services, and the current contract for the Superintendent Services supplied to the Rowe independent school district.

The committee to be composed of One Selectman, One School Committee Member, One Finance Committee Member, One School Teacher and One Parent from the Rowe School PTP and two Rowe Citizens. The Committee may consult with Town Counsel or other professional assistance for this study.

This Committee shall report back to a Special Town Meeting within two months of this vote, with a Report of their Study, including any recommendations for any changes in the Rowe School District Governance, the Business Office Procedural Services, or any other appropriate recommendation for the Rowe School District.

Time shall be of the essence in this study and the report to a

subsequent special town meeting.

**Amendment #1:** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to direct the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the School Committee to jointly study the present legal and financial relationships between the Rowe School District (RSD) and the Mohawk Regional School District (MRSD), to create a written report of their findings and to make recommendations for any changes in these relationships to the Town as soon as possible.

*Amendment #1 was defeated by a show of hands*

**Amendment #2:** A motion was made and seconded to strike the words "two Rowe Citizens" in the seventh line of Article 1, and replace them with the words "One Rowe Citizen and One School of Choice Parent."

*Amendment #2 was defeated by a show of hands*

The motion was made and seconded to move original Article 1 to vote.

*Motion to move original Article 1 Passed by  
Affirmative Oral Vote*

*Original article 1 passed by a show of hands affirmative vote*

**ARTICLE 2:** The motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary and appropriate action to **establish and to maintain**, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications & Cable, a **municipal lighting plant** for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, including without limitation the operation of a telecommunications system and any related services.

Note: This article required a paper ballot vote with 2/3 majority to pass

*Article Two Passed By Paper Ballot Vote  
(45- Yes, 2- No)*

ARTICLE 3: No other business came before the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

A true copy,

Attest: Jennifer Morse Sprague, Town Clerk

Date: February 2, 2011

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## RECAPITULATION OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES - FY2011

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**Tuesday, February 1, 2011**

(Recapitulation is for information only)

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NO APPROPRIATIONS AT THIS MEETING

TOTAL FY2011 BUDGET ALL FUNDS

0.00

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# Special Town Meeting - April 5, 2011

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## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS - FY2011

### Town of Rowe COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS April 5, 2011

A Special Town Meeting was held on Monday April 5, 2011 at the Rowe Elementary School to act on the below articles.

Moderator: Robert J. Clancy  
Town Clerk: Jennifer A. Morse Sprague  
Select Board Members Present: Paul McLatchy III, William Loomis  
School Study Committee Members: Noel Abbott; Chairperson, Myra Carlow, Barbara Griffin, Ellen Miller, Jack Packard, Jennifer Morse Sprague. Absent: Maggie Rice  
Tellers: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Moderator Robert Clancy. Approximately thirty-six voters were present. The Moderator read the greeting and looked to the Select Board for any other business before the articles were moved.

**MOVE ARTICLE:** Selectman William Loomis made a **motion** to move Article 2 to the beginning of the warrant. The motion was seconded.

*Passed By Show Of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 2:** A **motion** was made and seconded to see if the Town will appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$350 for Registrar/ Census Compensation for registrars' pay for the prior fiscal year FY2010.

*Passed By Show Of Hands Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 1:** A **motion** was made and seconded to hear the report of the Special Rowe Elementary School District Study Committee (SRESDESC), including any recommendations for any changes in the Rowe School District Governance, the Business Office Procedural Services, or any other appropriate recommendation for the Rowe School District.

At this time Moderator Robert Clancy, also Rowe School Principal excused himself. Select board Member William Loomis stepped in as Moderator for Article 1.

The Report was presented by the Special Rowe Elementary School District Study Committee members. After the presentation of the report [copy attached] the floor was opened up for discussion by the Moderator at 8:12 p.m.

A **motion** was made and seconded that the Board of Selectmen be urged to continue the services of this committee and if they feel that they cannot serve, to appoint to fulfill the purpose and continue this study until a satisfactory resolution is achieved..

The **motion** on the floor was **amended** and seconded...that the Board of Selectmen would appoint a committee, and I would say hopefully the one that has done so much work in a short time, and prepare a new charge of duties for them to fulfill..

The amended motion and the main motion were withdrawn.

A **motion** was made and seconded to ...Authorize the Selectmen to appoint a new committee with access to a town counsel and to provide funds up to \$1,000 for initial consultation, and that this

*new committee be appointed by the Selectmen tomorrow night and be authorized to do whatever is possible to convince or point out to the School Committee and the Superintendent that it's in Rowe's best interest to retain Bob Clancy in his present position at the reduced salary which he has already agreed he would do, which is \$75,000, that would be their charge to do whatever is necessary to bring this to a head.*

*Passed By Show Of Hands Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 3:** The following other business came before the meeting:

**NON-BINDING RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE** was brought before the voters by resident Jack Packard.

**WHEREAS** it has become clear that the Rowe Elementary School is suffering increased financial pressures that seriously threaten its capacity to sustain its current level of communication.

**WHEREAS** this institution is vital to the entire town, not only as an attraction for younger families to locate here.

**WHEREAS** the school building itself also serves vital community functions including as an emergency shelter, large meeting center, sports facility, and performance place

**WHEREAS** the Rowe School provides a welcoming, responsive, and academically challenging haven, not only to Rowe's children, but many regional families who have the opportunity to choose it

**WHEREAS** the costs of education are highly visible in the town budget, but the value across a lifetime of each child who receives a quality education, while not easy to directly calculate, are almost certainly enormous

**RESOLVED:** That the voters of Rowe will do whatever it takes to fund the Rowe Elementary School at a level sufficient to preserve its excellence and to be able to carry its traditions forward into the decade to come.

*Non-Binding Resolution Number One  
Passed By Show Of Hands Affirmative Vote*

**NON-BINDING RESOLUTION NUMBER TWO** was brought before the Voters by resident Jack Packard.

**WHEREAS:** despite the best intentions of all parties, the process of the non-renewal of Robert Clancy's contract as Rowe Principal this spring has resulted in disparaging shadow unintentionally being cast over Mr. Clancy's performance and professionalism, the Rowe School Committee's handling of the matter, and Mr. Buoniconti's veracity and management style.

**WHEREAS:** the reaction in the community and region to the events of the past months is threatening to overshadow the reality of the continued excellence in academics and wider curriculum offered by our school, the high quality of our Principal, the dedication and consistently fine work of our School Committee and the basic success of the services being supplied by our Superintendent and Business Manager.

**WHEREAS:** It is within the capacity of the Rowe School Committee, with the approval of our Superintendent, to correct all

of the above difficulties, perhaps within a period of days, and do this in a way that will allow the Rowe School Community to immediately refocus on the wrap up of this year and preparations for a smooth transition to next year.

**RESOLVED:** Given the many potential healing benefits that would be quickly achieved if the decision were to be reversed, the Town of Rowe respectfully asks our School Committee and Superintendent to find some avenue by which they can reconsider and reverse their decision to not renew Robert Clancy's contract.

*Non-Binding Resolution Number Two  
Passed By Show Of Hands - Affirmative Vote*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

A True Copy,  
Attest: Jennifer Morse Sprague, Town Clerk  
Date: April 12, 2011

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## RECAPITULATION OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES - FY2011

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**Tuesday, April 5, 2011**  
(Recapitulation is for information only)

NO APPROPRIATIONS AT THIS MEETING

**TOTAL FY2011 BUDGET ALL FUNDS**

**0.00**

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# Special Town Meeting - May 9, 2011

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## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS - FY2011 Town of Rowe COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Moderator: Robert J. Clancy  
Town Clerk: Jennifer A. Morse Sprague  
Constable: Christine Tower  
Selectboard: William Loomis, Paul McLatchy III, Jennifer Y. Wood  
Town Counsel: Janet H. Pumphrey, Kopelman and Paige PC  
Tellers: Marilyn Belval, David Dvore, Jack Packard, Robin Reed

The Special Town Meeting was held on Monday May 9, 2011 at the Rowe Elementary School. Approximately 43 residents attended. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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**ARTICLE 1:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **TRANSFER** the sum of \$25,000.00 from the **Refuse Garden Account** to an account to build a **New Recycling Shed** at the Transfer Station for recycling of electronics, batteries, etc.

*Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands*

**ARTICLE 2:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **TRANSFER** the sum of \$2,500.00 from the **Refuse Garden Account** to an account to purchase a **Refuse Garden Snowthrower**.

*Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands*

**ARTICLE 3:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **TRANSFER** the sum of \$20,000.00 from the **DPW Road Maintenance/Reclamation** account to an account entitled **Zoar Road Reclamation**.

*Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands*

**ARTICLE 4:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **TRANSFER** the sum of \$150,000.00 from the **STABILIZATION FUND** to an **ESCO Master Equipment Lease Paydown** account to pay down a portion of the SunTrust Master Equipment Lease used to finance the Energy Management Project.

Note: Two-thirds vote is required to pass Articles involving Stabilization funds.

*Article Defeated By Show of Hands.*

**ARTICLE 5:** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

No Business Brought Forth

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

A True Copy,  
Attest: Jennifer A. Morse Sprague  
Date: May 18, 2011

# RECAPITULATION OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES - FY2011

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Monday, May 9, 2011  
(Recapitulation is for information only)

<i>Appropriations from Taxation</i>		
None	\$ 0.00	
<i>Total Appropriations from Taxation</i>		0.00
<i>Appropriations from Free Cash</i>		
None	0.00	
<i>Total Appropriations from Free Cash</i>		0.00
<i>Appropriations from Available Funds</i>		
Refuse Garden Operation	(25,000.00)	
Recycling Shed	25,000.00	
Refuse Garden Operation	(2,500.00)	
Refuse Garden Snowthrower	2,500.00	
DPW Road Maintenance/Reclamation	(20,000.00)	
DPW Zoar Road Reclamation	20,000.00	
<i>Total Appropriations from Available Funds</i>		0.00
<i>Appropriations from Stabilization Fund</i>		
ESCO Master Equipment Lease Paydown	.00	
<i>Total Appropriations from Stabilization Fund</i>		0.00
<i>Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund</i>		
None	0.00	
<i>Total Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund</i>		0.00
<b>TOTAL FY2011 BUDGET ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>0.00</b>

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# Annual Town Meeting - May 9, 2011

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS – FY2011

Town of Rowe

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Moderator: Robert J. Clancy  
Town Clerk: Jennifer A. Morse Sprague  
Selectboard: William Loomis, Paul McLatchy III, Jennifer Wood  
Town Counsel: Janet H. Pumphrey, Kopelman and Paige PC  
Tellers: Marilyn Belval, David Dvore, Jack Packard, Robin Reed

The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Rowe Elementary School on Monday May 9, 2011. Approximately 84 Rowe Voters and 6 Audience Members were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Moderator asked for a moment of silence in memory of Town Residents: Marion Avery, Roger Brown and Richard Tower. The Moderator read the warrant noting the following: all qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the **ROWE TOWN HALL** in said Rowe, on **SATURDAY** the **FOURTEENTH** day of **MAY 2011** at 8:00 a.m. and then and there to bring their votes by ballot for the following officials:

- 1 Selectman for three (3) years
- 1 Assessor for three (3) years
- 1 Board of Health Member for three (3) years
- 1 Cemetery Commissioner for three (3) years
- 1 Constable for three (3) years
- 1 Finance Committee Member for one (1) year
- 2 Finance Committee Members for three (3) years
- 1 Library Trustee for three (3) years
- 1 Park Commissioner for three (3) years
- 1 Planning Board Member for five (5) years
- 1 School Committee Member for two (2) years
- 1 School Committee Member for three (3) years
- 1 Town Clerk for three (3) years
- 1 Treasurer for three (3) years

For the purpose of electing officials by ballot the polls will be open at 8:00 O'clock a.m. in the morning and will be closed at 3:00 O'clock p.m. in the afternoon.

The Moderator then looked to the Selectboard at which time Chairperson Paul McLatchy recognized Selectboard Member William Loomis for his years of service for the Town of Rowe and the Selectboard. The Moderator then recognized School Committee Member, Maggie Rice for her twenty-seven years on the School Board.

**ARTICLE 1:** A motion was made and seconded to act on reports of the Town officers and committees.

Citizen Lenny Laffond questioned the lack of a school committee report in the town report. The Moderator stated that this would be looked into.

*Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands*

**ARTICLE 2:** A motion was made and seconded to choose all necessary officers not elected by ballot for the ensuing year.

*Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands*

*[Note: This article was revisited under Article 31.]*

**ARTICLE 3:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the conduct of **General Government**, including the charges and expenses of the various town offices, and compensation for elected and appointed officials for the 2012 fiscal year.

#### Administration

Legal Expenses	6,000.00
General Administration	26,447.00
Town Officer Expenses	1,607.00
Print Town Reports	4,600.00
Municipal Audit	4,000.00
Town Coordinator/Town Accountant Salary	57,697.00
Administrative Asst. /Acctg Asst. Compensation	10,606.00
FRCOG Regional Services Assessment	10,565.00
FRCOG Statutory Assessment	5,872.00
IT Hardware/Software	10,350.00
IT Consultant	16,000.00
FRCOG Fees	100.00
Tax Collector's Operations	6,800.00
Election/Teller Expenses	2,000.00
Registrars & Census Takers Compensation	350.00
Assistant Treasurer Compensation	100.00
Bank Charges/Loan Interest	500.00
Bonding and Insurance	45,000.00

Town-wide Notification System	1,000.00
One-time bonus for town employees	2,500.00
Subtotal Administration	212,094.00

#### Assessors' Office

Assessors' Clerk Compensation	8,900.00
Assessors' Operations	7,950.00
Assessors' Triennial Revaluation	15,000.00
Subtotal Assessors' Office	31,850.00

#### Other

Agricultural Commission	250.00
Conservation Commission Operations	200.00
Council on Aging	4,500.00
Yankee Land Committee	1,000.00
Subtotal Other	5,950.00

#### Stipends

Selectmen Stipends	5,562.00
Assessors Stipends	5,100.00
Board of Health Stipends	4,635.00
School Committee Stipends	4,284.00
Tax Collector Stipend	6,910.00
Town Clerk Stipend	6,910.00
Treasurer	7,576.00
Misc. Officers Stipends - Moderator	412.00
- Constable	515.00
- Animal Inspector	515.00
- Dog Officer	618.00
Subtotal Stipends	43,037.00

#### Veterans' Services

Veterans' Agent Stipend	500.00
Operations	450.00
Veterans' Benefits	100.00
Subtotal Veterans' Services	1,050.00

#### SUB-TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT FROM TAXATION

293,981.00

#### *Passed By Show Of Hands*

**ARTICLE 4:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the Planning Board for the 2012 fiscal year.

Planning Board Operations	1,250.00
Planning Board Consulting Expenses	2,500.00
Planning Board Goal Post Operations	10,100.00
Total Planning Board	13,850.00

#### *Passed By Show Of Hands*

#### TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT FROM TAXATION

307,831.00

**ARTICLE 5:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the operation and maintenance of **Public Works and Facilities** for the 2012 fiscal year.

#### Highway Department

DPW Heavy Equipment Operators' Wages	171,469.00
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DPW Superintendent's Salary	76,206.00
DPW Operations & Maintenance	30,391.00
DPW Heating Oil	6,032.00
DPW Electricity	1,558.00
DPW ESCO Lease Payment	4,580.00
Fuel for Town Vehicles	32,307.00
Road Surface Maintenance/Reclamation	94,556.00
Annual DPW Projects	41,000.00
Snow & Ice Removal	70,932.00

Subtotal Highway Department 529,031.00

#### Other Public Works & Facilities

Summer Youth Employment Program	25,500.00
Municipal Center Operations/Maintenance	15,044.00
Town Hall Custodian Wages	7,000.00
Town Hall Fuel Oil	8,000.00
Town Hall Electricity	9,654.00
Town Hall ESCO Lease Payment	3,295.00
ESCO Annual Measure & Verification	4,000.00
Town Hall Elevator Maintenance Contract	3,380.00
Street Lighting	5,253.00
Beautification Committee	2,500.00
Energy Committee Operations	500.00
Gracy House Operations	5,000.00
Gracy House Materials/Supplies	1,000.00
Dam Maintenance, Inspections & Repairs	100.00

Subtotal Other Public Works & Facilities 90,226.00

Cemeteries - Cemeteries - Maintenance/Repair 15,000.00

#### SUBTOTAL PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES FROM TAXATION

634,257.00

#### *Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands*

**ARTICLE 6:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **AVAILABLE FUNDS** the sum of \$147,650.00 for the maintenance, repair, improvement and construction of town highways, or any other purpose allowed under Chapter 90, which amounts shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through funds made available by Chapter 90.

#### *Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands*

**TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES 781,907.00**

**ARTICLE 7:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Safety** for the 2012 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

#### Police Department

Police Chief Stipend	10,000.00
Police Officers Compensation	15,683.00
Operations	7,550.00
Sub-total Police Department	33,233.00

#### Fire Department

Fire Chief Stipend	6,910.00
Fire Officers Stipends	5,400.00
Fire Department Administrative Clerk	3,500.00
Firefighter Reimbursements	7,250.00

Fire Department General Operations	16,902.00
Fire Station Heating Oil	5,325.00
Fire Station Electricity	2,635.00
Fire Station ESCO Lease Payment	1,284.00
Emergency Management	1,000.00
Forest Fire Control	100.00
Hazardous Material Control	1,000.00
Subtotal Fire Department	51,306.00
<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>	
EMS Coordinator Stipend	2,012.00
EMS Operations and Maintenance	2,000.00
Emergency Personnel Stipends/Expenses	4,300.00
Subtotal Emergency Medical Service	8,312.00
<b>Dog Officer</b>	
Dog Officer Expenses	600.00
Subtotal Dog Officer	600.00
<b>Inspections</b>	
Building Inspector Fees (Estimated)	4,500.00
FCCIP Plumbing/Gas Inspec Program	1,129.00
FCCIP Electrical Inspection Program	2,662.00
Subtotal Inspections	8,291.00
<b>SUBTOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY FROM TAXATION</b>	<b>101,742.00</b>

*Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands*

**ARTICLE 8:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** to the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of \$3,000.00 for future ambulance services.

*Note: Two-thirds vote is required to pass  
Articles involving Stabilization funds.  
Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands*

<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>104,742.00</b>
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**ARTICLE 9:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Health and Sanitation** for the 2012 fiscal year.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	500.00
Refuse Garden Operations	40,000.00
Transfer Station Attendant Compensation	14,477.00
FCSWMD Administration Assessment (50%)	1,585.00
Board of Health Operations	19,372.00
Board of Health Clerk Wages	6,604.00
Town Nurse Wages	32,080.00
Health Services Operations	6,000.00
Physician's Stipend	500.00
Subtotal Public Health & Sanitation	121,118.00

*Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands*

**ARTICLE 10:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to act on the following citizens' petition:

**Board of Health Petition:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum

\$8,442.20 for the services of the town nurse to keep the Health Services office open three eight-hour days a week.

*Passed By Show Of Hands*

**ARTICLE 11:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund** with a limit of \$3,500.00 for the 2012 fiscal year to accept receipts from the Medicare Roster Billing Program for the purpose of **providing vaccine services**, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2013.

*Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands*

<b>TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	<b>129,561.00</b>
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**ARTICLE 12:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Schools** for the 2012 fiscal year.

**Rowe School Local Budget**

Instructional Programs	497,429.00
Technology	6,530.00
Instructional Staff Training	4,250.00
Special Education and Tuitions	95,042.00
Library Services	34,863.00
Health Services	55,971.00
School Committee	5,950.00
Principal's Office	94,561.00
Food Services	16,493.00
Plant Operations (incl. ESCO Lease Payment \$31,544)	138,309.00
Subtotal Rowe School Local	949,398.00

**Shared Services Budget**

Gen Admin	25,276.00
Instructional Services	15,822.00
Technology	11,226.00
Facilities	4,063.00
Fixed Costs (Insurance, Benefits)	16,596.00
Transportation	51,802.00
Subtotal Shared Services	124,785.00

<b>TOTAL K-6 Budget</b>	<b>1,074,183.00</b>
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**High School Budget (Mohawk/FC Tech)**

- Spanish Teacher @ Middle School	15,000.00
- Mohawk Tuition	182,600.00
- Franklin County Tech Tuition	45,000.00
- Transportation to Mohawk (Reg Ed)	47,141.00
- Mohawk Late Bus	16,823.00
Subtotal High School Budget	306,564.00

<b>TOTAL High School Budget</b>	<b>306,564.00</b>
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<b>SUBTOTAL Public Schools</b>	<b>1,380,747.00</b>
Less Estimated School Choice Receipts	(138,675.00)

<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM TAXATION</b>	<b>1,242,072.00</b>
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A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 12 to decrease **TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM TAXATION** to \$1,223,746.00, having the Article read as it was printed on the Warrant which showed a decrease by the Selectboard of \$18,326.

*Amendment Defeated By Show Of Hands  
And Teller Counts Of  
33 - Yes 41 - No*

*Article 12 Passed By Show Of Hands*

**ARTICLE 13:** A motion was made and seconded to TABLE the Article 13 [Note: The wording of warrant article 13 was as follows:]

**A CITIZENS' PETITION to**

Return the FY2012 school budget to the 2.5% increase that was adopted and Submitted by the Rowe School Committee

For the last several years all departments have been requested to keep their budgets within a 2.5% increase. The school has done this with great difficulty. There are fixed charges that increase more than 2.5%, therefore important educational programs and staff would be budgeted for less than 2.5% to meet the overall goal of the Finance Committee and Selectmen. This year the Finance Committee recommended that all departments keep their budget within 2.5% with the exception of the school where they recommended a 1% increase. The reason was to offset much larger increases in the health insurance benefits which are a sizeable fraction of the total school spending. The Superintendent, Principal, and the Rowe School Local Education Council, our educational experts, have spent many long hours reviewing the FY2012 budget to ensure proposed reductions have minimum affect on educational programs. The School Committee has reluctantly approved these recommendations at a 2.5% increase for the last several years. Programs and services that would have to be cut to meet the 1% budget were out of the question, and the School Committee again reluctantly approved a 2.5% increase because too many programs would have to be cut at the 1% level. As you all know Rowe is one of the top elementary school performers in the Commonwealth. The proud Town of Rowe cannot maintain this level of excellence for its school with continued budget level increases of 2.5%--never mind at a 1% level. It is up to you, citizens of Rowe. Do we want an excellent school, which we are capable of supporting, or do we want a mediocre school, or no school at all.

Therefore, we the undersigned petition that the Town vote to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the sum of \$1,242,072, which represents the 2.5% budget increase adopted by the Rowe School Committee for the Rowe School District for fiscal year 2012.

*Article 13 Tabled By Show Of Hands*

**ARTICLE 14:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$10,000.00** for the 2012 fiscal year to accept fees for School Programs for the purpose of offsetting department costs, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2013.

*Passed By Show Of Hands*

**ARTICLE 15:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **Rowe Town Library** for the 2012 fiscal year.

Library Director Compensation	22,132.00
Library Staff Wages	14,922.00
Library Operations and Maintenance	16,494.00
Library Heating Oil	1,800.00
Library Electricity	1,470.00
Library ESCO Lease Payment	2,097.00
CWMARS Mininet Annual Membership	3,609.00
Library Equipment Upgrade	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL ROWE TOWN LIBRARY</b>	<b>64,524.00</b>

*Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands*

**ARTICLE 16:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the following sums for an **Old Home Day** celebration.

Old Home Day Celebration	6,000.00
Operation and Maintenance	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL OLD HOME DAY</b>	<b>11,000.00</b>

*Passed By Show Of Hands*

**ARTICLE 17:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize the **Old Home Day Committee**, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$5,000.00** for the 2012 fiscal year to accept departmental receipts generated by Old Home Day activities and programs for the purpose of **defraying expenses of Old Home Day**, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2013.

*Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands*

**ARTICLE 18:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **management and operation of Pelham Lake Park** for the 2012 fiscal year.

Park Wages	40,772.00
Head Ranger Wage	41,737.00
Operation and Maintenance	22,755.00
<b>TOTAL PARK</b>	<b>105,264.00</b>

*Passed By Show Of Hands*

**TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION**      **180,788.00**

**ARTICLE 19:** A motion was made and seconded To see if the Town will vote to reduce the Town's share of Employee Insurance Benefit costs as follows: Medical Benefits: For HMO from 85% to 75%; For PPO from 85% to 70%; For Dental PPO Core Plan: from 85% to 75%; For Dental PPO High Plan from 85% to 50%; For Basic Life Insurance from 85% to 75%; and for Medex 3 from 85% to 75%."

A motion was made and seconded to have Article 19 be voted on by a Paper Ballot.

The Moderator found there was a sense of the meeting to hold

the vote by paper ballot as there were more than ten voters making the request for a Paper Ballot Vote

**Article 19 Was Defeated By Paper Ballot Vote**  
**28 – Yes 49 – No**

**ARTICLE 20:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Pensions and Insurance** for the 2012 fiscal year.

Franklin County Retirement Assessment	98,331.00*
Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00**
Group Health Insurance	390,000.00**
FICA/Medicare Tax	39,000.00**
<b>TOTAL PENSION &amp; INSURANCE</b>	<b>528,331.00</b>

\* Excludes pension costs for teachers in MA Teachers' Retirement

\*\* Costs are for all applicable town & school employees

**Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands**

**ARTICLE 21:** A motion was made and seconded to TABLE Article 21. [Note: The wording of warrant article 21 was as follows:]

"see if the Town will vote to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the sum of \$15,200.00 for compensatory payment to town employees for any increases in health insurance premiums caused by a decrease in the town's share of premiums for the 2012 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto".

**Article 21 Was Tabled By Unanimous Show Of Hands**

**ARTICLE 22:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of \$43,000 for a DPW Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

**Passed By Show Of Hands**

**ARTICLE 23:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of \$89,000 for a DPW Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

**Note: Two-thirds vote is required to pass Articles involving Stabilization funds.**

**Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands**

**ARTICLE 24:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the sum of \$20,000.00 to be used as a **Reserve Fund** for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures for the 2012 fiscal year.

**Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands**

**ARTICLE 25:** A motion was made and seconded to table Article 25.

**Article 25 Was Tabled Unanimously By Show Of Hands**

[Note: This article was tabled to be taken up at a subsequent Special Town Meeting—to be held prior to July 1, 2011—at which time the total amount needed to balance the budget will be sought. Due to votes at this evening's

meeting the sum of \$117,622 is not enough to balance the FY2012 budget.]

**ARTICLE 26:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND**, the following sums for **capital repairs and improvements**.

GEN – Town Hall Electronic Door Access	2,000.00
DPW – Front End Loader	140,000.00
DPW – Pick-Up Truck	24,000.00
PARK – Pontoon Boat	17,000.00
PARK – Fitness Center Equipment (Treadmill)	4,600.00
PARK – ADA Ramp for Lavatory Facility	6,000.00
SCH – Pave Parking Area & Driveway	60,000.00
SCH – New Garage	6,000.00

**TOTAL CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND** **259,600.00**

**Note: Two-thirds vote is required to pass Articles involving Stabilization funds.**  
**Passed 2/3 Show Of Hands**

**ARTICLE 27:** A motion was made and seconded to amend Town of Rowe By-Law Article VI, **INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS**, Section 3 by replacing the word "bi-annual" with "in accordance with the State Building Code."

The by-law will then read:

"...The Town Building Inspector shall also be responsible for the inspection of all public buildings in accordance with the State Building Code, and on completion of such inspection shall issue certificates of inspection which shall be posted in such public buildings."

**Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands**

**ARTICLE 28:** A motion was made and seconded to act on the following citizens' petition:

**CITIZENS' PETITION**

Petition to increase the number of members on the Board of Health of the Town of Rowe from three (3) members to five (5) members.

We the undersigned ask the town to vote to amend By-laws Article III, section 5 to read as follows:

"The Board of Health shall consist of five (5) members, each to be elected to a three-year term. Two members of said Board shall be elected on each of two consecutive years and one on the third year by ballot at the annual town election. The Board shall have powers and duties set forth in Chapter 111 of the general laws and other applicable laws. The Board of Health shall appoint the Public Health Nurse, the Health Agent, the Transfer Station Attendant, and the Clerk to the Board of Health. The Board of Health shall maintain the Refuse Garden and Transfer Station."

**Article Defeated By Show Of Hands**  
**Teller Count 20 - Yes 22 - No**

**ARTICLE 29:** A motion was made and seconded to adopt the following resolution brought forward by a Citizen's Petition:

**"RESOLVED:** That the Town of Rowe hereby acknowledges and publicly recognizes the exemplary services and leadership that Robert J. Clancy has provided to this town, and especially to Rowe Elementary School over the past 13 years. As principal his dedication to our school is legendary throughout Massachusetts and beyond. We hereby extend to Mr. Clancy and his family the gratitude and respect of the Rowe Community for the wonderful elementary school experiences and the quality of education his leadership and his staff have provided to all those students of Rowe Elementary School over these 13 years. **Thank you, Bob Clancy, a true professional educator, a kind gentleman and a wonderful neighbor;** and as additional expression of the appreciation of the people of Rowe, **Robert J. Clancy** is hereby designated as **"2011 Rowe Good Citizen of the Year"** in recognition of his long and devoted service to Rowe Elementary School, the Town of Rowe and to all Rowe citizens, especially to our children.", or take any action in relation thereto.

Moderator Clancy stepped down and Selectboard Member William Loomis assumed the role of moderator for Article 29.

*Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands*

Mr. Clancy was then presented with an engraved walking stick—an Irish Shillelagh—as thanks for his years of service as Rowe School Principal.

**ARTICLE 30:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary and appropriate action to establish and to maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications & Cable, a municipal lighting plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, including without limitation the operation of a telecommunications system and any related services.

This article requires 2/3 affirmative vote by paper ballot.

*Passed By Paper Ballot Vote*  
43 - YES 8 - NO

**ARTICLE 31:** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

1. Revisited Article 2 and reworded the motion to read to have the Board of Selectmen choose all necessary officers not elected by ballot for the ensuing year.

*Passed Unanimously by a show of hands.*

2. The Moderator recognized and thanked Christine Tower for her many years of service as Constable for the Town of Rowe and townspeople gave her applause.
3. Sue Gleason would like to invite all citizens to a 100 Year Old Birthday Party for her father Ellsworth Palmer to be held on Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Gracy House; 1 p.m.
4. Jack Packard handed out a Q & A sheet on Municipal Aggregation of Electricity.
5. Jack Packard handed out and discussed information on what is a Green Community and information on passing a bylaw for a solar photo-voltaic array.
6. Bob Clancy reminded everyone that there will be a bake sale and car wash during the town election this coming Saturday.
7. Cindy Laffond spoke and requested that the Board of Selectman accept the voters' decision regarding not changing the percentages of the town's share of health insurance premiums for town employees and retirees, as the results have been the same on all previous votes concerning the percentage the town pays.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

*Passed Unanimously*

Meeting Adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

A true copy,  
Attest: Jennifer Morse Sprague, Town Clerk  
Date: May 25, 2011

# RECAPITULATION OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES - FY2011

**Monday, May 9, 2011**  
(Recapitulation is for information only)

<b><i>Appropriations from Taxation</i></b>		
General Government	307,831.00	
Public Works and Facilities	634,257.00	
Public Safety	101,742.00	
Stabilization Fund	3,000.00	
Public Health/Sanitation	129,561.00	
Schools	1,242,072.00	
Culture & Recreations	180,788.00	
Pensions and Insurance	528,331.00	
Reserve Fund	20,000.00	
<b><i>Total Appropriations From Taxation</i></b>		<b>\$3,147,582.00</b>
<b><i>Appropriations from Available Funds</i></b>		
Chapter 90 Highway Funds	147,650.00	
<b><i>Total Appropriations from Available Funds</i></b>		<b>147,650.00</b>
<b><i>Appropriations from Free Cash</i></b>		
DPW Bridge Rehabilitation Program	43,000.00	
<b><i>Total Appropriations from Stabilization Fund</i></b>		<b>43,000.00</b>
<b><i>Appropriations from Stabilization Fund</i></b>		
DPW Bridge Rehabilitation Program	89,000.00	
<b><i>Total Appropriations from Stabilization Fund</i></b>		<b>89,000.00</b>
<b><i>Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund</i></b>		
GEN – Town Hall Electronic Door Access	2,000.00	
DPW – Front End Loader	140,000.00	
DPW – Pick-Up Truck	24,000.00	
PARK – Pontoon Boat	17,000.00	
PARK – Fitness Center Equipment (Treadmill)	4,600.00	
PARK – ADA Ramp for Lavatory Facility	6,000.00	
SCH – Pave Parking Area & Driveway	60,000.00	
SCH – New Garage	6,000.00	
<b><i>Total Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund</i></b>		<b>259,600.00</b>
<b>TOTAL FY2011 BUDGET</b>		<b>\$3,686,832.00</b>
<b><i>Revolving Fund Authorizations</i></b>		
Board of Health – Vaccine Services	3,500.00	
School Programs	10,000.00	
Old Home Day	5,000.00	
<b><i>Total Revolving Funds Authorized</i></b>		<b>\$ 18,500.00</b>
<b><i>Recapitulation of ESCO Lease Payments (due July 1, 2011):</i></b>		
Town Hall	3,295.00	
DPW Garage	4,580.00	
Fire Station	1,284.00	
Rowe Elementary School	31,544.00	
Rowe Town Library	2,097.00	
<b><i>Total Lease Payments</i></b>		<b>\$ 42,800.00</b>

# Special Town Meeting - June 7, 2011

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## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS - FY2011

### Town of Rowe COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Moderator: Robert J. Clancy  
Town Clerk: Jennifer A. Morse Sprague  
Selectboard: Paul McLatchy III, Chairperson; Noel Abbott

The Special Town Meeting was held at the Rowe Elementary School on Tuesday, June 7, 2011. Approximately 29 Rowe Voters were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The moderator turned to the Selectmen for any business before the meeting began. Selectboard member Noel Abbott passed out a document titled: *Selectmen Discussion of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Article 3*.

**ARTICLE 1:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of \$130,000.00 to balance the FY2012 budget.

*Passed by Show of Hands*

**ARTICLE 2:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of \$15,000.00 for the inspection of Pelham Lake Dam and the Mill Pond Dam.

*Passed Unanimously by Show Of Hands*

**ARTICLE 3:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to amend Rowe Town Bylaw Article III, Section 11 by replacing the following words in the fourth sentence: "No person holding any other elective town office" with the words "No member of the Board of Selectmen,".

A motion was made and seconded to **TABLE** Article 3 to a future meeting.

*Motion was Passed by Show Of Hands to Table Article 3*

**ARTICLE 4:** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

Request from citizen to note on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant if Articles are passed that unbalance the budget that a Special Town Meeting will have to be held.

Request from citizen to mail a letter to all residents regarding Article 3

Finance Committee member noted that the Finance Committee would not support Article 3 and that the letter should be fact not opinion.

Voters invited to take a look at the Art Show by Rowe School Students on the walls

Rowe School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation will be held on Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> with a DJ after.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

A true copy,

Attest: Jennifer Morse Sprague, Town Clerk

Date: June 8, 2011



## RECAPITULATION OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES - FY2011

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**Tuesday, June 7, 2011**  
(Recapitulation is for information only)

<i>Appropriations from Taxation</i>		
None	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	
<i>Total Appropriations from Taxation</i>		0.00
<i>Appropriations from Free Cash</i>		
Balance FY2012 Budget	<u>130,000.00</u>	
<i>Total Appropriations from Free Cash</i>		130,000.00
<i>Appropriations from Available Funds</i>		
None	<u>0.00</u>	
<i>Total Appropriations from Available Funds</i>		0.00
<i>Appropriations from Stabilization Fund</i>		
None	<u>0.00</u>	
<i>Total Appropriations from Stabilization Fund</i>		0.00
<i>Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund</i>		
Dam Inspections	<u>15,000.00</u>	
<i>Total Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund</i>		<u>15,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL FY2011 BUDGET ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>145,000.00</b>

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# Special Town Meeting – September 20, 2011

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS - FY2012

### Town of Rowe COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Moderator: Robert J. Clancy  
Town Clerk: Jennifer A. Morse Sprague  
Select Board: Paul McLatchy III, Noel R. Abbott

The Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at the Rowe Elementary School. Approximately 24 voters were in attendance and 4 audience members. The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Robert J. Clancy at 7:00 p.m.

**ARTICLE 1:** A motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER** the sum of \$10,527.00 from the Transfer Station **RECYCLING SHED** account to a Transfer Station **TREE REMOVAL** account to pay an **EXPENSE** incurred in a prior year and without an appropriation.

**Motion to Table:** A motion was made and seconded that Article 1 be **TABLED** and the problem brought back to the Board of Health for resolution.

*Passed by Show of Hands, 10 - Yes, 3 - No - Article 1 TABLED*

**ARTICLE 2:** A motion was made and seconded to pay a **PRIOR YEAR BILL** in the amount of \$38.80 for Verizon from the Police Department Operations account.

*NOTE: 9/10ths vote is required to pass Article 2  
Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 3:** A motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER** the sum of \$3,000.00 from the **STABILIZATION FUND** to the **Unemployment Insurance** account.

*NOTE: 2/3 vote is required to pass Article 3  
Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 4:** A motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER** the sum of \$1,200.00 from the **STABILIZATION FUND** to the **Building Inspections** account.

*NOTE: 2/3 vote is required to pass Article 4  
Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 5:** A motion was made and seconded to amend the Town By-laws by adding a by-law linking payment of **Selectmen's stipends to attendance at Board of Selectmen's meetings with the proposed wording...**

**Article III-General Government, Section 21: Payment of Selectmen's Stipends** – Selectmen's stipends as appropriated by Town Meeting will be paid out quarterly according to the percentage of attendance by each selectman at scheduled board meetings during the previous quarter as follows:

Less than 60% attendance – 0% of the quarterly stipend  
60%-79% attendance – 50% of the quarterly stipend  
80%-100% attendance – 100% of the quarterly stipend

[Note: There was no intention to seek additional funds for the stipend line item.]

**Amendment:** A motion was made and seconded to amend the wording and replace Selectmen's Stipends with All elected Boards & Committee's stipends

*Motion to amend defeated by Show of Hands - YES - 8, NO - 10*

**Motion to Table:** A motion was made and seconded to **TABLE** Article 5

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous - Article 5 TABLED*

**ARTICLE 6:** A motion was made and seconded to act on the following **Citizens' Petition**:

Petition to change By-laws Article III, section 5 to read:  
The Board of Health shall consist of five (5) members, each to be elected to a three-year term. Two members of said Board shall be elected on each of two consecutive years and one on the third year by ballot at each annual town election. The Board shall have powers and duties as set forth in Chapter 111 of the general laws and other applicable laws. The Board of Health shall appoint the Public Health Nurse, the Health Agent and the Transfer Station Attendant, The Board of Health shall maintain the Refuse Garden and the Transfer Station,"

*Request for Paper Ballot Denied with only 5 Voters in Agreement*

A motion was made and seconded to **TABLE** Article 6  
*Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous – Article 6 TABLED*

**ARTICLE 7:** The following business was transacted under Article 7:

1. On behalf of the Planning Board, John (Jack) Williams, Vice Chair of the Planning Board, presented Mrs. Christine Tower with a **Certificate of Appreciation** for her many years of service to the Rowe Goal Post. There was a round of applause for Mrs. Tower.
2. Paul McLatchy III, Selectboard Chairperson proposed the following:

#### NON-BINDING RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS** the town Board of Health has been encouraging recycling efforts in an attempt to reduce waste in the Town of Rowe,  
**WHEREAS** budgets in recent years have had to be cut or level-funded in order to balance the budget,  
**WHEREAS** funds should be expended as efficiently as possible,

**RESOLVED** that the citizens of Rowe recommend that the Board of Health pursue using the former Rowe Elementary School shed to accommodate the ever-increasing amount of recycled materials at the Refuse Garden, and to use it for a period of one year, meanwhile delaying the construction of a new, \$18,000 shed until such time has passed and the Board of Health has determined whether this structure is adequate for the needs of the Refuse Garden.

*Resolution Passed By Show of Hands, Not Unanimous*

**Adjournment:** A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

*Passed Unanimously*

A True Copy,  
Attest: Jennifer Morse Sprague, Town Clerk  
Date: September 21, 2011

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## RECAPITULATION OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES - FY2011

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**Tuesday, September 20, 2011**  
(Recapitulation is for information only)

<i><b>Appropriations from Taxation</b></i>		
None	\$ 0.00	
Total Appropriations from Taxation		0.00
<i><b>Appropriations from Free Cash</b></i>		
	None	0.00
Total Appropriations from Free Cash		0.00
<i><b>Appropriations from Available Funds</b></i>		
Police Department Operations	38.80	
Total Appropriations from Available Funds		38.80
<i><b>Appropriations from Stabilization Fund</b></i>		
Unemployment Insurance	3,000.00	
Building Inspections	1,200.00	
Total Appropriations from Stabilization Fund		4,200.00
<i><b>Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund</b></i>		
None	0.00	
Total Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund		0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4,238.80</b>
<b>TOTAL FY2011 BUDGET ALL FUNDS *</b>		<b>4,200.00</b>
*Overall increase in FY2012 Budget (Total, less items taken from Available Funds)		

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# Special Town Meeting - November 2, 2011

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS – FY2011 Town of Rowe COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Moderator: Robert J. Clancy  
Town Clerk: Jennifer Morse Sprague  
Selectboard: Noel Abbott (Chairperson), Paul McLatchy III  
Town Counsel: Attorney Joel Bard, Kopelman and Paige, PC  
Constable: Robert Dykeman  
Tellers: None

The Special Town Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at the Rowe Elementary School. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum being present. Approximately forty (40) registered voters and four (4) audience members were in attendance. The Moderator read the Special Town Meeting Warrant and then turned to the Select Board for comments before the start of the meeting. The Select Board had no comments.

**ARTICLE 1:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **ADOPT** the following **ZONING BYLAW** amendments and additions:

Discussion: Energy Committee Chair Jack Packard presented the following two handouts: Appendix A “What will these bylaws mean to people wanting to build ground mount photo voltaic arrays in Rowe?” and Appendix B “Twenty One New Green Community Designations”. Mr. Packard then asked that Peggy Sloan from FRCOG Planning Agency be granted permission to speak. Moderator Clancy got a positive census from the voters by show of hands. Peggy Sloan then shared a PowerPoint© presentation regarding the proposed bylaw changes and the impact on the Town.

A third handout Appendix C “Town Meeting Version with Town Counsel Revisions (10/26/11)” was presented to voters with changes recommended by the Energy Committee, Planning Board and Town Counsel.

**Amendment:** A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 1 as shown in the handout Appendix C “Town Meeting Version with Town Counsel Revisions (10/26/11)”. Text below with revisions was read by Energy Committee member BJ Roche.

### ARTICLE V PROTECTIVE REGULATIONS

#### Section 2: Use Regulations

##### A. District Uses

- (1) The Town of Rowe is hereby divided into the following types of districts:  
Residential-Agricultural.....R-A  
Industrial .....I
- (2) The boundaries of each district are hereby established as shown, defined and bounded on the Official Zoning Map dated September 13, 2011 which accompanies and is hereby declared to be a part of this by-law; such map is filed with the Town Clerk. [See Official Zoning Map at end of Town Report]

##### B. Table of Use Regulations

VIII. Industrial Uses	Residential Agriculture (R-A)	Industrial (I)
a. Sawmills	SP	SP
b. Public Utilities		
i) Generating Plants except for Solar Electric Generating Installations	No	SP
ii) Accessory Buildings, Structures & Uses	SP	Yes
iii) Transmission Lines, Substations and Switchyards	SP	Yes
iv) Solar Electric Generating Installations <sup>1, 2</sup> (see Section 23)	SP	SP

<sup>1</sup> – Solar Electric Generating Installations of 10kW or less which are an accessory use to a residential or non-residential use are allowed “by right” (Yes).

<sup>2</sup> – Solar Electric Generating Installations greater than 10 kW up to 250 kW occupying no more than one acre that meet the requirements of Section 23 and are located in the Solar Overlay District are allowed by-right (Yes) but are subject to Site Plan Review.

#### Section 22: Site Plan Review

Site Plan Review is required for all uses as provided in this bylaw and as described in this Section.

##### A. Purpose

The purpose of Site Plan Review is to ensure that new development is designed in a manner which reasonably protects the environmental resources and scenic qualities of the neighborhood and the Town. Site Plan Review addresses the layout and development of structures, parking, pedestrian facilities, access roads, and other site features and considers the concerns listed below. As a result of this process, a modification of the development proposal may be required to maximize benefits and minimize impacts. The Planning Board is responsible for Site Plan Review.

The areas of concern are:

- (1) The balance of rights of landowners to use their land, with the corresponding right of abutting and neighboring land owners to live without undue disturbance from noise, traffic, lighting, signage, smoke, fumes, dust, odor, glare, or storm water run-off;
- (2) The convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site and in relation to adjacent areas;
- (3) The adequacy of methods to store, handle or dispose of wastes, including hazardous materials, to protect air, groundwater and surface water from pollution;
- (4) The protection of historical, scenic, and natural environmental features on the site under review and in adjacent areas; and
- (5) The adequacy of stormwater management systems to address non-point source pollution.

#### **B. Projects Requiring Site Plan Review**

Site Plan review by the Planning Board is required for the following:

- (1) The installation of ground mounted solar electric generating installations greater than 10 kW or occupying more than one (1) acre of land.

For this use, no permit for construction, reconstruction or occupancy shall be given by the Building Inspector except in conformity with a Site Plan approved by the Planning Board.

#### **C. Procedure**

Prior to the submission of an application for Site Plan Review, the applicant is encouraged to meet with the Planning Board at a public meeting to discuss the proposed development in general terms. While there are no formal pre-application requirements, the applicant is encouraged to prepare sufficient preliminary site drawings to inform the Planning Board of the proposed development.

- (1) An applicant for Site Plan Review shall submit a Site Plan application in accordance with this section to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk shall forthwith transmit a copy of the application to the Planning Board. The Town Clerk shall indicate the date on which the Site Plan was received and transmit a copy of the dated application to the applicant. The date of receipt as indicated by the Town Clerk shall be considered to be the date on which the application has been filed with the Planning Board. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to furnish all supporting documentation with the application and the dated copy received from the Town Clerk does not absolve the applicant from this responsibility.
- (2) The Planning Board shall obtain with each submission a deposit sufficient to cover any expenses connected with the public hearing and review of the plans. The Planning Board has the right to retain a Registered Professional Engineer or other qualified professionals including attorneys, scientists, etc. to advise the Planning Board on any or all aspects of the site plan. The cost of the professional consultant(s) shall be borne by the applicant.
- (3) The Town Clerk shall transmit a copy of the site plan appli-

cation in a timely fashion to the Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Historical Commission, Building Inspector, Fire Department and other Boards as deemed necessary (e.g. Energy Committee for solar electric generating installations). The Boards, Commissions, and Departments have up to forty-five (45) days to submit recommendations in writing to the Planning Board concerning the items outlined in (a)-(c) below. Failure of any Board, Commission or Department to report within the allotted time shall be interpreted as non-opposition to the submitted site plan.

(a) The adequacy of the materials provided by the applicant to describe the site design and potential impacts of the proposed development;

(b) The expected impacts of the proposed development and its consistency with the provisions of the Bylaws of the Town, the General Laws of Massachusetts, and all applicable rules and regulations of State and Federal agencies; and

(c) The recommended conditions or remedial measures to accommodate or mitigate the expected impacts of the proposed development or to ensure consistency with the Bylaws of the Town or other regulations applicable to the development.

- (4) The Planning Board shall hold a public hearing in accordance with Section 11 of M.G.L. Chapter 40A within sixty-five (65) days of the receipt of an application and shall take final action within ninety (90) days from the time of hearing. The Planning Board's final decision in writing shall consist of one of the following actions based on a simple majority vote:

(a) Approval of the site plan based upon determination that the proposed plan will constitute a suitable development and is in compliance with the standards set forth in this Bylaw;

(b) Approval of the site plan subject to any conditions, modifications, or restrictions as required by the Board which will ensure that the project meets the standards set forth in these Zoning Bylaws; or

(c) Denial of the site plan based upon specific findings such as a determination that there was insufficient information submitted with the proposal to adequately review it or that the project is inconsistent with the requirements of these Zoning Bylaws.

#### **D. Submission Requirements**

A site plan shall be prepared by a registered Professional Engineer, Landscape Architect, or Architect at a scale of 1 inch equals 20 feet, on standard 24" x 36" sheets, with continuation on 8 1/2" x 11" sheets as necessary for narrative. The site plan shall include all data, detail and supporting information as outlined in Appendix A. The Planning Board may waive one or more requirements for submittal as outlined in Appendix A upon written request by the applicant if the small scale or simplicity of the projects warrants such a waiver. Such determination to waive one or more of the requirements shall be in the sole discretion of the Planning Board. Seven (7) copies of the site plan and all supporting documentation shall be provided to the Town Clerk at the time of application.

## E. Standards for Review

The Planning Board shall review the site plan and supporting data taking into consideration the reasonable fulfillment of the following objectives:

- (1) Conformance with the provisions of the Bylaw of the Town, the General Laws of Massachusetts, and all applicable rules and regulations of State and Federal agencies.
- (2) Protection of Town resources and abutting properties by minimizing any undue disturbance from noise, traffic, lighting, hazardous materials, signage, smoke, fumes, dust, odor, glare, or storm water run-off.
- (3) Convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site and in relationship to adjoining roads, parking areas, sidewalks and properties. Adequacy and arrangement of pedestrian traffic access and circulation, pedestrian walkways, control of intersections with vehicular traffic and overall pedestrian safety and convenience.
- (4) Adequacy of the methods to dispose of sewage and refuse and the protection from pollution of surface and ground water. This includes minimizing the erosion of soil both during and after construction.
- (5) Existing and future demands of the project should not exceed the ability of the Town to provide adequate services or infrastructure.
- (6) Provisions for adequate parking, lighting, internal traffic circulation, and off-street loading and unloading of vehicles incidental to the normal operation of the establishment.
- (7) Integration of the proposed site plan development into the existing landscape through design features such as vegetative buffers, and retention of open space and agricultural land.
- (8) Minimization of the area over which existing vegetation is to be removed. Where tree removal is required, special attention is to be given to the planting of replacement trees.
- (9) The setback, area, placement of parking, architectural style, signage, and landscaping of the development with preference given to native species, and how these features protect and reflect the surrounding historic and scenic landscape.
- (10) The potential impact on surface or ground water supplies from any materials, hazardous or otherwise, stored, used or generated on the site and steps taken to protect these resources.
- (11) Provision for adequate drainage and stormwater management to prevent flooding and to protect surface and ground water from pollutants.
- (12) Location of buildings to provide a solar and wind orientation which encourages energy conservation.
- (13) Provision for minimizing light pollution including the use of full cut-off fixtures.
- (14) Adequacy of fire and emergency plans and ease of access for emergency service vehicles and personnel.
- (15) Minimization of impacts to scenic landscapes and historic districts.

## F. Enforcement

- (1) The Planning Board may require the posting of a bond to assure compliance with the plan and stated conditions to its approval, and the Town or Building Inspector may suspend any permit or license when work is not performed as required.
- (2) Site Plan approval issued under this section shall lapse within one (1) year if a substantial use thereof has not commenced, except for good cause. This time limit shall be extended to include the time required to pursue and await determination of a judicial appeal pursuant to Chapter 40A of the General Laws.

### SITE PLAN CONTENTS

1. Name of project, boundaries, locus map(s) showing site's location in Town, date, north arrow and scale of plan;
2. Name(s) and address(es) of the owner(s) of the land, the developer (if applicable), and/or their designee;
3. Name, title, and address of person(s) who prepared the plan;
4. Names and addresses of all owners of record of abutting lots and those within 300 feet of the property line;
5. All existing lot lines, easements and rights of way;
6. Location of all proposed new lot lines;
7. Location and use of buildings and structures within 300 feet of the site;
8. Location and use of all existing and proposed buildings and structures, including approximate height and floor area;
9. Location of areas subject to Wetland Protection Act, M.G.L. c. 131, section 40; the Watershed Protection Act, M.G.L. c. 92, section 107A; and public drinking water supply recharge areas on site and within 300 feet of the property line, and the location on site of any Priority Habitat Areas mapped by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species program;
10. The location and a description of all proposed septic systems, sewer connections, water supplies, storm drainage systems, utilities and other waste-disposal methods;
11. Location and date of all registered "perc" and "deep hole" tests on the site;
12. Existing and proposed topography at a two-foot contour intervals for the proposed grading and landscape plan;
13. U.S.G.S. Topography for the site and within 300 feet of the property line;
14. Location of proposed public and private ways on the site;
15. Location and size of proposed parking and loading areas, driveways, walkways, access and egress points to the public way;
16. The location and a description of any proposed open space or recreation areas;
17. The location of existing permanently protected open space on the site or on abutting properties;
18. Size and location of existing and proposed sign(s);
19. Location, type of fixture, and height of any proposed lighting;
20. Surface drainage strategy that prevents increased drainage off-site or pollution;
21. Existing vegetation that will be left undisturbed and proposed landscape features, including the location and a description of screening, fencing and plantings using non-invasive species with a preference given to native species;

22. Design features which will integrate the proposed development into the existing landscape, maintain neighborhood character, and screen objectionable features from neighbors and roadways;
23. A complete list of chemicals, pesticides, fuels and other potentially hazardous materials to be used or stored on the premises in quantities greater than those associated with normal household use;
24. Provisions to protect against the discharge of hazardous materials or wastes to the environment due to spillage, accidental damage, corrosion, leakage or vandalism, including spill containment and cleanup procedures;
25. Provisions for indoor, secured storage of hazardous materials and wastes with impervious floor surfaces;
26. Estimated average daily and peak-hour vehicle trips to be generated by the site and traffic flow patterns for both vehicles and pedestrians, showing adequate access to and from the site and adequate circulation within the site; and
27. Noise levels expected to occur at the boundary of the property.

## Section 23: Solar Electric Generating Installations

### A. Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to facilitate the creation of new Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Installations (see Section 23B. Definitions) by providing standards for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of such installations that address public safety, minimize impacts on environmental, scenic, natural and historic resources and to provide adequate financial assurance for the eventual decommissioning of such installations.

The provisions set forth in this section shall apply to the construction, operation, and/or repair and/or removal of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Installations greater than 10 kW.

#### (1) Applicability

This section applies to Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Generating Installations greater than 10 kW. Smaller scale (10 kW or less) ground mounted solar electric generating installations which are an accessory structure to an existing residential or non-residential use do not need to comply with this section, but require a building permit and must comply with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical, and communications requirements and other provisions of Rowe's Zoning Bylaws such as setback requirements.

Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Generating Installations greater than 10 kW up to 250 kW that occupy no more than 1 acre of land proposed to be constructed in the Solar Electric Overlay District are allowed As-of-Right but are subject to Site Plan Review (see Section 22) and the requirements of this section.

Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Generating Installations which require a Special Permit and Site Plan Review in accordance with the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Rowe in addition to meeting the requirements of this section are as follows:

- (a) an installation greater than 10 kW up to 250 kW located outside of the Solar Overlay District; and
- (b) an installation larger than 250 kW or an installation occupying more than 1 acre of land on one or more adjacent parcels in common ownership (including those separated by a roadway) inside or outside the Solar Electric Overlay District.

This section also pertains to physical modifications that materially alter the type, configuration, or size of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Generating Installations or related equipment.

All buildings and fixtures forming part of a solar electric installation shall be constructed in accordance with the Massachusetts State Building Code.

### B. Definitions

**As-of-Right Siting:** As-of-Right Siting shall mean that development may proceed without the need for a special permit, variance, amendment, waiver, or other discretionary approval. As-of-right development may be subject to Site Plan Review to determine conformance with the local zoning bylaws. Projects cannot be prohibited, but can be reasonably regulated by the Building Inspector.

**Building Inspector:** The individual designated by Article VI, Section 3 of the Rowe Bylaws and charged with the enforcement of the Zoning Bylaws.

**Building Permit:** A construction permit issued by the authorized Building Inspector. The building permit evidences that the project is consistent with the state and federal building codes as well as local zoning bylaws, including those governing ground-mounted large-scale solar electric installations.

**Designated Location:** The Solar Electric Overlay District(s) as designated by the Town of Rowe are shown on the Official Zoning Map dated September 13, 2011, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A. This map is hereby made a part of this Zoning Bylaw and is on file in the Office of the Rowe Town Clerk.

**Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Generating Installation:** A solar electric system that is structurally mounted on the ground and is not roof-mounted, and has a minimum nameplate capacity greater than 10 kW.

**Rated Nameplate Capacity:** The maximum rated output of electric power production of the Electric system in Alternating Current (AC) or Direct Current (DC).

**Site Plan Review:** Review by the Planning Board to determine conformance with the local Zoning Bylaws.

**Site Plan Review Authority:** For purposes of this bylaw, the Planning Board is the Site Plan Review Authority.

**Solar Photovoltaic Array:** An arrangement of solar photovoltaic panels.

### C. General Requirements for all Large Scale Solar Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Generating Installations

The following requirements are common to all Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric installations.

#### (1) Compliance with Laws, Bylaws and Regulations

The construction and operation of all Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Installations shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical, and communications requirements. All buildings and fixtures forming part of a solar electric installation shall be constructed in accordance with the Massachusetts State Building Code.

#### (2) Building Permit and Building Inspection

No Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Installations shall be constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining a building permit and paying of any required fees.

### D. Site Plan Review

Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Installations shall undergo Site Plan Review (see Section 22) by the Planning Board prior to construction, installation or modification as provided in this section.

#### (1) General

All plans and maps shall be prepared, stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in Massachusetts.

#### (2) Required Documents

The project proponent shall provide the following documents in addition to or in coordination with those required for Site Plan Review (see Section 22):

##### (a) A site plan showing:

- i. Property lines, map and lot from the Assessor's records, and physical features, including roads and topography, for the project site;
- ii. Proposed changes to the landscape of the site, grading, vegetation clearing and planting, exterior lighting, screening vegetation or structures including their height;
- iii. Locations of wetlands and Priority Habitat Areas defined by the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP)
- iv. Locations of floodplains or inundation areas for moderate or high hazard dams;
- v. Locations of local or National Historic Districts;
- vi. A list of any hazardous materials proposed to be located on the site in excess of household quantities and a plan to prevent their release to the environment as appropriate;
- vii. Blueprints or drawings of the solar electric installation signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts showing the proposed layout of the system and any potential shading from nearby structures;
- viii. One or three line electrical diagram detailing the solar electric installation, associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all National Electrical Code compliant disconnects and overcurrent devices;
- ix. Documentation of the major system components to be used, including the electric generating components, transmission systems, mounting system, inverter, etc.;
- x. Name, address, and contact information for proposed system installer;
- xi. Name, address, phone number and signature of the project proponent, as well as all co-proponents or property owners, if any;
- xii. The name, contact information and signature of any agents representing the project proponent; and
- xiii. Documentation of actual or prospective access and control of the project site;
- xiv. Provision of water including that needed for fire protection; and
- xv. Existing trees 6" caliper or larger and shrubs.

##### (b) An operation and maintenance plan (see Section 23F);

##### (c) Zoning district designation for the parcel(s) of land comprising the project site (submission of a copy of a zoning map with the parcel(s) identified is suitable for this purpose);

##### (d) Proof of liability insurance;

##### (e) Description of financial surety that satisfies Section 23L;

##### (f) Sight line representation. A site line representation shall be drawn from that portion of any public road within 300 feet that would have the clearest view of the proposed facility, and the closest facade of each residential building (viewpoint) within 300 feet of the highest point (visible point) of the solar electric generating installation. Each sight line shall be depicted in profile, drawn at one-inch equals 40 feet. The profiles shall show all intervening trees and buildings; and

##### (g) Existing (before condition) and proposed (after condition) photographs. Each sight line shall be illustrated by one four-inch by six-inch color photograph of what can currently be seen from any public road within 300 feet. Each of the existing condition photographs shall have the proposed solar electric generating installation superimposed on it to show what will be seen from public roads if the solar electric generating installation is built.

### E. Site Control

The project proponent shall submit documentation of actual or prospective access and control of the project site sufficient to allow for construction and operation of the proposed solar electric installation.

### F. Operation & Maintenance Plan

The project proponent shall submit a plan for the operation and maintenance of the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Generating Installation, which shall include measures for maintaining safe access to the installation, storm water and vegetation controls, as well as general procedures for operational maintenance of the installation.

### G. Utility Notification

No Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Generating Installations shall be constructed until evidence has been given to the Planning Board that the utility company that operates the electrical grid where the installation is to be located has been informed of the solar electric installation owner or operator's intent to install an interconnected facility. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.



## H. Dimension and Height Requirements

### (1) Setbacks

For Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Generating Installations, front, side and rear setbacks shall be as follows:

- (a) Front yard: The front yard depth shall not be less than 50 feet.
- (b) Side yard: Each side yard shall have a depth of at least 50 feet.
- (c) Rear yard: The rear yard depth shall not be less than 50 feet.

The required setback areas should not be included in the 1 acre maximum calculation for By-Right solar electric generating installations (see Section 23A.).

### (2) Appurtenant Structures

All appurtenant structures to Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Generating Installations shall be subject to regulations concerning the bulk and height of structures, lot area, and setbacks as specified in Section 23H., open space, parking and building coverage requirements. All such appurtenant structures, including but not limited to, equipment shelters, storage facilities, transformers, and substations, shall be architecturally compatible with each other. Whenever reasonable, structures should be screened from view by vegetation and/or joined or clustered to avoid adverse visual impacts.

### (3) Height of Structures

The height of any structure associated with a Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Generating Installation shall not exceed 35 feet.

## I. Design and Performance Standards

### (1) Lighting

Lighting of solar electric installations shall be consistent with local, state and federal law. Lighting of other parts of the installation, such as appurtenant structures, shall be limited to that required for safety and operational purposes, and shall be reasonably shielded from abutting properties. Lighting of the solar electric installation shall be directed downward and shall incorporate full cut-off fixtures to reduce light pollution.

### (2) Signage

Signs on Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Generating Installations shall comply with Rowe's sign bylaw, Article V. Section 2E.. A sign consistent with Article V. Section 2E shall be required to identify the owner and provide a 24-hour emergency contact phone number.

Solar electric installations shall not be used for displaying any advertising except for reasonable identification of the manufacturer or operator of the solar electric installation.

### (3) Utility Connections

Reasonable efforts, as determined by the Planning Board, shall be made to place all utility connections from the solar electric installation underground, depending on appropriate soil conditions, shape, and topography of the site and any requirements of the utility provider. Electrical transformers for utility interconnections may be above ground if required by the utility provider.

### (4) Roads

Access roads shall be constructed to minimize grading, removal of stone walls or trees and minimize impacts to environmental or historic resources.

### (5) Control of Vegetation

Herbicides may not be used to control vegetation at the solar electric installation. Mowing or the use of pervious pavers or geotextile materials underneath the solar array are possible alternatives.

### (6) Hazardous Materials

Hazardous materials stored, used, or generated on site shall not exceed the amount for a Very Small Quantity Generator of Hazardous Waste as defined by the DEP pursuant to MassDEP regulations 310 CMR 30.000 and shall meet all requirements of the DEP including storage of hazardous materials in a building with an impervious floor that is not adjacent to any floor drains to prevent discharge to the outdoor environment. If hazardous materials are utilized within the solar electric equipment then impervious containment areas capable of controlling any release to the environment and to prevent potential contamination of groundwater are required.

### (7) Noise

Sound or noise levels may not exceed 50 dBA, at the boundary of the property.

### (8) Visual Impacts

The solar electric generating installation shall be designed to minimize visual impacts including preserving natural vegetation to the maximum extent possible, blending in equipment with the surroundings, and adding vegetative buffers to screen abutting residential properties whether developed or not. Siting shall be such that the view of the solar electric generating installation from other areas of Town shall be as minimal as possible.

## J. Safety and Environmental Standards

### (1) Emergency Services

The Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Generating Installations owner or operator shall provide a copy of the project summary, electrical schematic, and site plan to the local Fire Chief. Upon request the owner or operator shall cooperate with local emergency services in developing an emergency response plan. All means of shutting down the solar electric installation shall be clearly marked. The owner or operator shall identify a responsible person for public inquiries throughout the life of the installation.

### (2) Land Clearing, Soil Erosion and Habitat Impacts

Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to what is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Installation or otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations, and bylaws.

## K. Monitoring, Maintenance and Reporting

### (1) Solar Electric Generating Installation Conditions

The Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Generating Installation owner or operator shall maintain the facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity

of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the local Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director. The owner or operator shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the solar electric generating installation and any access road(s).

## **(2) Modifications**

All material modifications to a solar electric generating installation made after issuance of the required building permit shall require approval by the Planning Board.

## **(3) Annual Reporting**

The owner or operator of the installation shall submit an Annual Report which certifies compliance with the requirements of this bylaw and their approved site plan including control of vegetation, noise standards, and adequacy of road access. The Annual Report shall also provide information on the maintenance completed during the course of the year and the amount of electricity generated by the facility. The Annual Report shall be submitted to the Select Board, Planning Board, Fire Chief, Emergency Management Director, Building Inspector, Board of Health and Conservation Commission (if Wetlands Permit was issued) no later than 45 days after the end of the calendar year.

# **L. Abandonment or Decommissioning**

## **(1) Removal Requirements**

Any Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Generating Installation which has reached the end of its useful life or has been abandoned consistent with Section 23L.(2) of this bylaw shall be removed. The owner or operator shall physically remove the installation no more than 150 days after the date of discontinued operations. The owner or operator shall notify the Planning Board by certified mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal. Decommissioning shall consist of:

(a) Physical removal of all Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Generating Installations, structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines from the site.

(b) Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.

(c) Stabilization or re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The Planning Board Authority may allow the owner or operator to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.

## **(2) Abandonment**

Absent notice of a proposed date of decommissioning or written notice of extenuating circumstances, the solar electric installation shall be considered abandoned when it fails to operate for more than one year without the written consent of the Planning Board. If the owner or operator of the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Generating Installation fails to remove the installation in accordance with the requirements of this section within 150 days of abandonment or the proposed date of decommissioning, the town retains the right, after the receipt of an appropriate court order, to enter and remove an abandoned, hazardous or decommissioned Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Generating Installation. As a condition of Site Plan

or Special Permit approval, an applicant shall agree to allow entry to remove an abandoned or decommissioned installation. The Town's cost for the removal will be charged to the property owner in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. 139, Section 3A as a tax lien on the property.

## **(3) Financial Surety**

Proponents of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Generating Installations shall provide a form of surety, either through an escrow account, bond or other form of surety approved by the Planning Board, to cover the cost of removal in the event the town must remove the installation and remediate the landscape, in an amount and form determined to be reasonable by the Planning Board, but in no event to exceed more than 125 percent of the cost of removal and compliance with the additional requirements set forth herein, as determined by the project proponent and the Town. Such surety will not be required for municipal or state-owned facilities. The project proponent shall submit a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal, prepared by a qualified engineer. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal costs due to inflation.

**Discussion:** John (Jack) Williams, Planning Board Vice Chair presented an oral report on behalf of the Planning Board.

The oral report stated that a quorum was present at the Public Hearing on October 25, 2011 and that the Planning Board voted unanimously for the recommended changes to Article 1 by the Energy Committee and Town Counsel. Mr. Williams also thanked Peggy Sloan for her professional support and advice.

## ***Motion to Amend Article 1 Passed by Show of Hands***

**Discussion:** Permission was granted by a show of hands for Jim Barry, Regional Coordinator of MA Dept. of Energy Resources to speak regarding "Green Community"

***A motion was made and seconded to move the question, and this motion passed unanimously.***

## ***Amendment to Article 1 Passed Unanimously by Show of Hands***

## ***Article 1 as Amended Passed by Greater than Two-Thirds Show of Hands (Moderator Tally 40 - Yes, 2 - No)***

**ARTICLE 2:** A motion was made and seconded to TABLE the following Citizens' Petition:

*To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken at the Special Town Meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011:*

*Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to TRANSFER the sum of \$25,000 from the Refuse Garden Account to an account to build a new Recycling Shed at the Transfer Station for recycling of electronics, Batteries, etc.*

## ***Motion to TABLE Article 2 Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous***

**ARTICLE 3:** A motion was made and seconded to act on the following Citizens' Petition:

*To ask the town to vote to transfer five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from the transfer station's fence repair account to a fund to pay for the tree removal.*

*Article 3 Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 4:** A motion was made and seconded to act on the following Citizens' Petition:

To ask the town to vote to transfer two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) from the transfer station's snow blower account to a fund to pay for the tree removal.

*Article 4 Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 5:** A motion was made and seconded to act on the following Citizens' Petition:

To ask the town to vote to transfer three thousand thirty-seven dollars (\$3,037) from the transfer station's new shed account to a fund to pay for the tree removal.

*Article 5 Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 6:** A motion was made and seconded to act on the following Citizens' Petition:

To see if the town will vote to pay from any available fund an expense incurred in a prior year and without an appropriation in the amount of \$10,537.00, or take any action in relation

thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 6 to pay a prior year invoice for tree removal at the transfer station in the amount of \$10,527 from any amounts approved in Articles 3, 4, and 5.

*The Motion to Amend Article 6 Passed By Show of Hands, Unanimously*

**NOTE:** A 9/10s vote was required to pass Article 7

*Article 7 Passed by Show of Hand - Moderator Tally (40 - Yes, 2 - No)*

**ARTICLE 7:** No other business was transacted under this article.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

*Vote was unanimous.*

A true copy,

Attest: Jennifer Morse Sprague, Town Clerk

Date: November 15, 2011

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## RECAPITULATION OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES - FY2011

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**Wednesday, November 2, 2011**

(Recapitulation is for information only)

***Appropriations from Taxation***

None	\$ 0.00	
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Total Appropriations from Taxation		0.00
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***Appropriations from Free Cash***

None	0.00	
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Total Appropriations from Free Cash		0.00
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***Appropriations from Available Funds***

Transfer Station Tree Removal	10,537.00	
Transfer Station Fence Repair	(5,000.00)	
Transfer Station Snow Blower	(2,500.00)	
Transfer Station New Shed	(3,037.00)	
Prior Year Bill (Transfer Station Tree Removal)	10,527.00	

Total Appropriations from Available Funds		10,527.00
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***Appropriations from Stabilization Fund***

None	0.00	
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Total Appropriations from Stabilization Fund		0.00
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***Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund***

None	0.00	
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Total Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund		0.00
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**TOTAL**

**\$10,527.00**

**TOTAL FY2011 BUDGET ALL FUNDS\***

**0.00**

\*Overall increase in FY2012 Budget (Total, less items taken from Available funds)

# Special Town Meeting - December 21, 2011

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS - FY2011

Town of Rowe

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Moderator: Robert Clancy  
Town Clerk: Jennifer Morse Sprague  
Select Board: Noel Abbott, Paul McLatchy III  
Constable: Robert Dykeman  
Tellers: Robin Reed, Mitch Soviecke, Mary Paige, Dana Williams

The Special Town Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at the Rowe Elementary School. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. with a quorum being present. Approximately seventy-six registered voters and four audience members were in attendance.

Moderator Robert Clancy turned to the Select Board for comment at the beginning of the meeting. Select Board member Paul McLatchy III announced that Rowe was granted status as a Green Community. This means that the Town will be eligible for grants of approximately \$135,000. Mr. McLatchy thanked all who took part in making the project happen and a special thank you to Mr. Jack Packard, Chairperson of the Energy Committee for all of his time and energy. Mr. Packard received a round of applause.

**ARTICLE 1:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of \$63,000.00 for Grade 7-12 Public School Tuition.

*2/3 Majority Vote Required to Pass*

*Passed by Show of Hands – 2 Opposed*

**ARTICLE 2:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of \$30,000.00 for a Forensic Financial Audit.

A request was made for a secret ballot for Article 2. Request granted with more than 10% of voters in agreement.

*2/3 Majority Vote Required to Pass*

*Passed by Paper Ballot Yes – 72, No- 0*

**ARTICLE 3:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of \$6,000.00 for Legal Expenses.

*2/3 Majority Vote Required to Pass*

*Passed by Show of Hands – 2 Opposed*

**ARTICLE 4:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of \$50,000.00 for Legal and Consulting Expenses regarding the Town of Rowe's tuition arrangement for Grade 7-12 students with the Mohawk Trail Regional School District.

*A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 4 to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$5,000 to hire an independent attorney to explore the legal feasibility of challenging the Town of Rowe's tuition arrangement for Grade 7-12 students with the Mohawk Trail Regional School District.*

*A motion was made and seconded to Move the Motion to Amend, Motion to Move Passed by Show of Hands Motion to Amend Article 4 (to \$5000) – Defeated by Show of Hands*

*A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 4 by changing the amount from \$50,000 to \$25,000.*

*Motion to amend Article 4 (to \$25,000) –*

*Passed by Show of Hand Count - Yes- 37, No- 26*

*2/3 Majority Vote Required to Pass Article 4*

*Passed by Show of Hands – 7 Opposed*

**ARTICLE 5:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to pay two **PRIOR YEAR BILLS** in the total amount of \$100.00 from the **Police Department Operations** account, one **PRIOR YEAR BILL** in the amount of \$150.00 from **General Administration** account, and one **PRIOR YEAR BILL** in the amount of \$1,120.00 from **Board of Health Operations**.

*9/10 Majority Vote Required to Pass Article 5*

*Passed by Show of Hands - Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 6:** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

*No Business Brought Forth*

*A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 8:45 p.m.*

A true copy,

Attest: Jennifer Morse Sprague, Town Clerk

Date: December 22, 2011

# RECAPITULATION OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES - FY2011

**Wednesday, December 21, 2011**  
(Recapitulation is for information only)

<b><i>Appropriations from Taxation</i></b>		
None	\$ 0.00	
<b><i>Total Appropriations from Taxation</i></b>		0.00
<b><i>Appropriations from Free Cash</i></b>		
	None	0.00
<b><i>Total Appropriations from Free Cash</i></b>		0.00
<b><i>Appropriations from Available Funds</i></b>		
Prior Year Bills (Police Dept Ops)	100.00	
Prior Year Bill (Gen Admin)	150.00	
Prior Year Bill (BOH Ops)	1,120.00	
<b><i>Total Appropriations from Available Funds</i></b>		1,370.00
<b><i>Appropriations from Stabilization Fund</i></b>		
Grade 7-12 Public School Tuition	63,000.00	
Forensic Financial Audit	30,000.00	
Legal Expenses	6,000.00	
Tuition Arrangement - Legal/Consulting Expenses	25,000.00	
<b><i>Total Appropriations from Stabilization Fund</i></b>		124,000.00
<b><i>Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund</i></b>		
None	0.00	
<b><i>Total Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund</i></b>		0.00
 <b>TOTAL FY2011 BUDGET</b>		 <b>125,370.00</b>



# PART IV

## Financial Reports

# Rowe – At a Glance

## Socioeconomic

County	Franklin
School Structure	K-6; 7-12 Tuitioned
Form of Government	Selectmen / Open Town Meeting
2010 Population (US Census)	393
2009 Population	347
2011 Labor Force	188
2011 Unemployment Rate	9.0
1999 Per Capita Income	28,134
2009 Population Per Square Mile	14.73
2009 Housing Units Per Square Mile	8.87
2009 Paved Road Miles	36.24
EQV Per Capita (2008 EQV/2009 Population)	830,221
Number of Registered Vehicles (January 2010)	548
Average Age of Vehicles (January 2010)	11.95
Number of Registered Voters (2010)	298

## Fiscal Year 2012 Tax Classification

Tax Classification	Assessed Values	Tax Levy	Tax Rate
Residential	53,505,787	276,089	5.16
Open Space	0	0	0.00
Commercial	321,549	3,598	11.19
Industrial	186,440,863	2,086,273	11.19
Personal Property	64,264,490	719,120	11.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>304,532.689</b>	<b>3,085,081</b>	

## Revenue by Sources

Revenue Source	FY2011		Amount	FY2012	
	Amount	% of Total		Amount	% of Total
Tax Levy	2,990,504	78.02	3,085,081	72.64	
State Aid	195,062	5.09	186,307	4.39	
Local Receipts	72,650	1.89	76,580	1.80	
Free Cash	142,164	3.71	173,350	4.08	
Other Available	432,794	11.29	725,897	17.09	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,833,174</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,247,215</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

## Proposition 2½ Levy Capacity

	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012
New Growth	8,062	4,451	15,992	21,163
Override	0	0	0	0
Debt Exclusion	0	0	0	0
Levy Limit	2,827,419	2,902,556	2,991,112	3,087,052
Excess Capacity	2,434	1,304	608	1,971
Ceiling	7,903,474	7,087,552	7,155,782	7,613,317
Override Capacity	5,229,805	4,342,590	4,326,204	4,526,265

## Bond Ratings

Moody's as of Dec 2010 and S&P as of Dec 2010

Not rated

### Other Available Funds

<b>7/1/2011</b>	<b>FY2011</b>	<b>FY2011</b>	<b>FY2011</b>
<b>Free Cash</b>	<b>Stabilization Fund</b>	<b>Capital Stab Fund</b>	<b>Overlay Reserve</b>
0	1,161,289	940,383	6,580

### Rowe Average Single Family Tax Bill (tax bills issued semi-annually)

	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>FY2007</b>	<b>FY2008</b>	<b>FY2009</b>	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>FY2011</b>	<b>FY2012</b>
Number of Single Family Parcels	204	204	208	208	208	209	210
Assessed Value of Single Family	172,068	189,871	195,061	200,174	200,845	207,832	217,927
Average Single Family Tax Bill	705	780	882	913	1,048	1,108	1,125

### State Average Single Family Tax Bill

	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>FY2007</b>	<b>FY2008</b>	<b>FY2009</b>	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>FY2011</b>	<b>FY2012</b>
Avg Assessed Value Single Family	385,502	406,673	403,705	391,762	374,423	361,592	358,586
Avg Single Family Tax Bill	3,801	3,962	4,110	4,250	4,390	4,466	4,646

### Certification

Most Recent	2012
Next Scheduled	2015

### Cherry Sheet Aid

	<b>FY2008</b>	<b>FY2009</b>	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>FY2011</b>	<b>FY2012</b>
Education Aid	164,552	201,971	207,059	183,401	174,751
General Government	11,533	14,351	9,323	11,661	11,556
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>176,085</b>	<b>216,322</b>	<b>216,382</b>	<b>195,062</b>	<b>186,307</b>
Total Assessments	(13,471)	(33,546)	(40,646)	(56,286)	(26,544)
<b>Net State Aid</b>	<b>162,614</b>	<b>182,776</b>	<b>175,736</b>	<b>138,776</b>	<b>159,741</b>

### 2011 Total Revenues and Expenditures Per Capita

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenue</b>	<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>Enterprise Funds</b>	<b>Trust</b>	<b>Total All Funds</b>
Revenues	7,870.80	913.50	0.0	0.0	20.00	8,804.40
Expenditures	7,463.20	705.20	0.0	0.0	0.00	8,168.50

### Narrative

Rowe is a small hilltown in northwestern Massachusetts, with a population of 393. The town is one of scenic beauty, with wooded mountains, clear brooks, and the Deerfield River on its border. Rowe is close to ski areas and enjoys great hiking, fishing, hunting and canoeing. The town owns Pelham Lake Park—mostly a wilderness area—which encompasses the town's tallest mountain, Adams Mountain, Todd Mountain and Pelham Lake in a 1300+ acre park for use by town residents.

Rowe has its own elementary school and tuitions grades 7-12 to either Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School or Franklin County Technical School.

The Rowe Historical Society maintains an excellent small historical museum—The Kemp-McCarthy Museum—containing antiques, artifacts and numerous photographs documenting the history of the town, including the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel and information and equipment from the now decommissioned Yankee Nuclear Power Station. The close-knit community enjoys a solid tax base provided by several hydro-electric plants located on the Deerfield River that are owned by either Brookfield Power or TransCanada.



## Rowe Average Single Family Tax Bill - State Ranking - 24-Year History

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Assessed Value</i>	<i>Number of Parcels</i>	<i>Average Value</i>	<i>Tax Rate</i>	<i>Single Family Tax Bill</i>	<i>State Hi-Lo Rank</i>	<i>Number of MA Towns Included</i>
2012	\$ 45,770,900	210	\$ 217,957	\$ 5.16	\$ 1,125	321	322
2011	\$ 43,436,800	209	\$ 207,832	\$ 5.33	\$ 1,108	330	330
2010	\$ 41,775,700	208	\$ 200,845	\$ 5.22	\$ 1,048	315	315
2009	\$ 41,636,100	208	\$ 200,174	\$ 4.56	\$ 913	318	319
2008	\$ 40,572,700	208	\$ 195,061	\$ 4.52	\$ 882	309	310
2007	\$ 38,733,700	204	\$ 189,871	\$ 4.11	\$ 780	307	307
2006	\$ 34,757,700	202	\$ 172,068	\$ 4.10	\$ 705	307	307
2005	\$ 29,369,900	206	\$ 142,572	\$ 3.59	\$ 512	340	340
2004	\$ 26,365,100	202	\$ 130,520	\$ 3.59	\$ 469	340	340
2003	\$ 26,309,900	203	\$ 129,605	\$ 3.49	\$ 452	340	340
2002	\$ 22,164,900	205	\$ 108,121	\$ 3.44	\$ 372	340	340
2001	\$ 21,735,900	204	\$ 106,549	\$ 3.36	\$ 358	339	340
2000	\$ 21,195,600	202	\$ 104,929	\$ 3.22	\$ 338	339	340
1999	\$ 22,065,700	204	\$ 108,165	\$ 5.36	\$ 580	340	340
1998	\$ 21,941,500	204	\$ 107,556	\$ 5.35	\$ 575	340	340
1997	\$ 21,543,200	201	\$ 107,180	\$ 5.34	\$ 572	340	340
1996	\$ 22,144,400	203	\$ 109,086	\$ 4.89	\$ 533	340	340
1995	\$ 21,580,400	200	\$ 107,902	\$ 5.61	\$ 605	340	340
1994	\$ 21,566,700	203	\$ 106,240	\$ 5.25	\$ 558	339	340
1993	\$ 23,152,453	204	\$ 113,492	\$ 5.98	\$ 679	336	339
1992	\$ 22,842,280	203	\$ 112,524	\$ 4.86	\$ 547	338	339
1991	\$ 22,817,970	215	\$ 106,130	\$ 4.52	\$ 480	265	265
1990	\$ 19,477,857	213	\$ 91,445	\$ 4.53	\$ 414	323	323
1989	\$ 18,892,237	201	\$ 93,991	\$ 4.56	\$ 429	297	297

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION**

FISCAL 2011

**OF  
ROWE**

City / Town / District

**I. TAX RATE SUMMARY**

la. Total amount to be raised (from lte)	\$	<u>3,833,174.14</u>
lb. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from llle)		<u>842,669.65</u>
lc. Tax levy (la minus lb)	\$	<u>2,990,504.49</u>
ld. Distribution of Tax Rates and levies		

CLASS	(b) Levy percentage (from LA - 5)	(c) IC above times each percent in col (b)	(d) Valuation by class (from LA - 5)	(e) Tax Rates (c) / (d) x 1000	(f) Levy by class (d) x (e) / 1000
Residential	9.1025%	272,210.67	51,096,133	5.33	272,342.39
Net of Exempt					0.00
Open Space	0.0000%	0.00	0		0.00
Commercial	0.1282%	3,833.83	331,671	11.56	3,834.12
Net of Exempt					0.00
Industrial	51.0885%	1,527,803.89	132,156,698	11.56	1,527,731.43
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	60.3192%		183,584,502		1,803,907.94
Personal	39.6808%	1,186,656.11	102,646,760	11.56	1,186,596.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	100.0000%		286,231,262		2,990,504.49

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Board of Assessors of

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**NOTE : The information was Approved on 11/22/2010.**

Frederick N. Williams, Board Of Assessors Chairman, Rowe,

413-339-5520

Assessor

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Joseph Boudreau

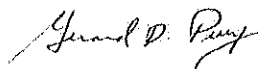
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Dennis Mountain

Director of Accounts



(Gerard D. Perry)

## TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

FISCAL 2011

ROWE

City / Town / District

**II. Amounts to be raised**

IIa. Appropriations (col.(b) through col.(e) from page 4) \$ 3,497,227.65

## IIb. Other amounts to be raised

1. Amounts certified for tax title purposes
2. Debt and interest charges not included on page 4
3. Final court judgments
4. Total overlay deficits of prior years
5. Total cherry sheet offsets (see cherry sheet 1-ER)
6. Revenue deficits
7. Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E
8. Authorized Deferral of Teachers' Pay
9. Snow and Ice deficit Ch. 44, Sec. 31D
10. Other (specify on separate letter)

0.00
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111,546.00
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161,534.00

TOTAL IIb (Total lines 1 through 10)

273,080.00

IIc. State and county cherry sheet charges (C.S. 1-EC)

56,286.00

IId. Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)

6,580.49

IIe. Total amount to be raised (Total IIa through IId)

\$ 3,833,174.14

**III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources**

## IIIa. Estimated receipts - State

1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)
2. Massachusetts school building authority payments

\$ 195,062.00
0.00

TOTAL IIIa

195,062.00

## IIIb. Estimated receipts - Local

1. Local receipts not allocated (page 3, col.(b), Line 23)
2. Offset Receipts (Schedule A-1)
3. Enterprise Funds (Schedule A-2)
4. Community Preservation Funds (See Schedule A-4)

72,650.00
0.00
0.00
0.00

TOTAL IIIb

72,650.00

## IIIc. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes

1. Free cash (page 4, col.(c))
2. Other available funds (page 4, col.(d))

142,164.00
432,793.65

TOTAL IIIc

574,957.65

## IIId. Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate

- 1a. Free cash..appropriated on or before June 30, 2010
- b. Free cash..appropriated on or after July 1, 2010
2. Municipal light source
3. Teachers' pay deferral
4. Other source :

0.00
0.00
0.00
0.00
0.00

TOTAL IIId

0.00

## IIIe. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources

(Total IIIa through IIId)

\$ 842,669.65

**IV. Summary of total amount to be raised and total receipts from all sources**

- a. Total amount to be raised (from IIe)
- b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)
- c. Total real and personal property tax levy (from Ic)
- d. Total receipts from all sources (total IVb plus IVc)

\$	3,833,174.14
\$	842,669.65
\$	2,990,504.49
\$	3,833,174.14

**LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED \***  
**TAX RATE RECAPITULATION**

**ROWE**

City/Town/District

	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal 2010	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal 2011
==> 1 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	37,730.84	38,000.00
==> 2 OTHER EXCISE	0.00	0.00
==> 3 PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON TAXES AND EXCISES	15,574.51	1,500.00
==> 4 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	0.00	0.00
5 CHARGES FOR SERVICES - WATER	0.00	0.00
6 CHARGES FOR SERVICES - SEWER	0.00	0.00
7 CHARGES FOR SERVICES - HOSPITAL	0.00	0.00
8 CHARGES FOR SERVICES - TRASH DISPOSAL	0.00	0.00
9 OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	0.00	0.00
10 FEES	0.00	0.00
11 RENTALS	5,300.04	5,700.00
12 DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - SCHOOLS	0.00	0.00
13 DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - LIBRARIES	0.00	0.00
14 DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - CEMETERIES	0.00	0.00
15 DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - RECREATION	70.00	70.00
16 OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	833.71	800.00
17 LICENSES AND PERMITS	318.30	800.00
18 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	0.00	0.00
==> 19 FINES AND FORFEITS	285.00	700.00
==> 20 INVESTMENT INCOME	8,811.20	9,000.00
==> 21 MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING (PLEASE SPECIFY)	18,934.20	15,480.00
22 MISCELLANEOUS NON-RECURRING (PLEASE SPECIFY)	3,714.26	600.00
23 TOTALS	\$ 91,572.06	\$ 72,650.00

I hereby certify that the actual receipts as shown in column (a) are, to the best of my knowledge correct and complete, and I further certify that I have examined the entries made on page 4 of the Fiscal 2011 tax rate recapitulation form by the City, Town or District Clerk and hereby acknowledge that such entries correctly reflect the appropriations made and the sources from which such appropriations are to be met.

Ellen B Miller, Accountant, Rowe, 413-339-5520

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Date

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==> Written documentation should be submitted to support increases/ decreases of FY 2010-estimated receipts to FY2011 estimated

**CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES OF FUNDING**

**TAX RATE RECAPITULATION**

**ROWE**

**FISCAL 2011**

City / Town / District

APPROPRIATIONS							AUTHORIZATIONS	
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City / Town Council or Town Meeting Dates	FY*	(a)  Total Appropriations of Each Meeting	(b) **  From Raise and Appropriate	(c)  From Free Cash See B-1	(d)  From Other Available Funds See B-2	(e)  From Offset Receipts (See A-1), Enterprise Funds (See A-2), or Community Preservation Fund (See A-4)	(f) ***  Revolving Funds (See A-3)	(g)  Borrowing Authorization
05/10/2010	2010	196,301.65	0.00	5,295.00	191,006.65	0.00	0.00	0.00
05/10/2010	2011	3,293,846.00	2,922,270.00	136,869.00	234,707.00	0.00	18,500.00	0.00
07/12/2010	2011	7,080.00	0.00	0.00	7,080.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals</b>		3,497,227.65	2,922,270.00	142,164.00	432,793.65	0.00		
		Must Equal Cols. (b) thru (e)						

I hereby certify that the appropriations correctly reflect the votes taken by City / Town / District Council.

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Jennifer Morse Soraque, Town Clerk, Rowe, 413-339-5520

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City/Town/District

Clerk

Date

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION**

FISCAL 2012

**OF  
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City / Town / District

**I. TAX RATE SUMMARY**

Ia. Total amount to be raised (from IIe)	\$ 4,250,260.61
Ib. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	1,162,134.38
Ic. Tax levy (Ia minus Ib)	\$ 3,088,126.23
Id. Distribution of Tax Rates and levies	

CLASS	(b) Levy percentage (from LA - 5)	(c) IC above times each percent in col (b)	(d) Valuation by class (from LA - 5)	(e) Tax Rates (c) / (d) x 1000	(f) Levy by class (d) x (e) / 1000
Residential	8.9558%	276,566.41	53,505,787	5.17	276,624.92
Net of Exempt					0.00
Open Space	0.0000%	0.00	0		0.00
Commercial	0.1166%	3,600.76	321,549	11.20	3,601.35
Net of Exempt					0.00
Industrial	67.6196%	2,088,178.60	186,440,863	11.20	2,088,137.67
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	76.6920%		240,268,199		2,368,363.94
Personal	23.3080%	719,780.46	64,264,490	11.20	719,762.29
<b>TOTAL</b>	100.0000%		304,532,689		3,088,126.23

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**NOTE : The information is preliminary and is subject to change.**

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# TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

FISCAL 2012

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## II. Amounts to be raised

Ila. Appropriations (col.(b) through col.(e) from page 4)	\$	3,916,829.38
Ilb. Other amounts to be raised		
1. Amounts certified for tax title purposes		180.82
2. Debt and interest charges not included on page 4		0.00
3. Final court judgements		0.00
4. Total overlay deficits of prior years		0.00
5. Total cherry sheet offsets (see cherry sheet 1-ER)		108,326.00
6. Revenue deficits		0.00
7. Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E		0.00
8. Authorized Deferral of Teachers' Pay		0.00
9. Snow and ice deficit Ch. 44, Sec. 31D		0.00
10. Other (specify on separate letter)		165,572.00
TOTAL Ilb (Total lines 1 through 10)		274,078.82
Ilc. State and county cherry sheet charges (C.S. 1-EC)		26,566.00
Ild. Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)		32,786.41
Ile. Total amount to be raised (Total Ila through Ild)	\$	4,250,260.61

## III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources

Illa. Estimated receipts - State		
1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)	\$	186,307.00
2. Massachusetts school building authority payments		0.00
TOTAL Illa		186,307.00
IIlb. Estimated receipts - Local		
1. Local receipts not allocated (page 3, col(b), Line 23)		76,580.00
2. Offset Receipts (Schedule A-1)		0.00
3. Enterprise Funds (Schedule A-2)		0.00
4. Community Preservation Funds (See Schedule A-4)		0.00
TOTAL IIlb		76,580.00
IIlc. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes		
1. Free cash (page 4, col.(c))		43,350.00
2. Other available funds (page 4, col.(d))		725,897.38
TOTAL IIlc		769,247.38
IIId. Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate		
1a. Free cash..appropriated on or before June 30, 2011		130,000.00
b. Free cash..appropriated on or after July 1, 2011		0.00
2. Municipal light source		0.00
3. Teachers' pay deferral		0.00
4. Other source :		0.00
TOTAL IIId		130,000.00
IIIe. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (Total Illa through IIId)	\$	1,162,134.38

## IV. Summary of total amount to be raised and total receipts from all sources

a. Total amount to be raised (from Ile)	\$	4,250,260.61
b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	\$	1,162,134.38
c. Total real and personal property tax levy (from Ic)	\$	3,088,126.23
d. Total receipts from all sources (total IVb plus IVc)	\$	4,250,260.61

**LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED \***

**TAX RATE RECAPITULATION**

**ROWE**

City/Town/District

	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal 2011	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal 2012
==> 1 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	40,623.24	40,000.00
==> 2 OTHER EXCISE	0.00	0.00
==> 3 PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON TAXES AND EXCISES	1,107.68	1,100.00
==> 4 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	0.00	0.00
5 CHARGES FOR SERVICES - WATER	0.00	0.00
6 CHARGES FOR SERVICES - SEWER	0.00	0.00
7 CHARGES FOR SERVICES - HOSPITAL	0.00	0.00
8 CHARGES FOR SERVICES - TRASH DISPOSAL	0.00	0.00
9 OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	0.00	0.00
10 FEES	0.00	0.00
11 RENTALS	4,858.37	5,300.00
12 DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - SCHOOLS	0.00	0.00
13 DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - LIBRARIES	0.00	0.00
14 DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - CEMETERIES	0.00	0.00
15 DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - RECREATION	0.00	0.00
16 OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	455.27	450.00
17 LICENSES AND PERMITS	748.25	750.00
18 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	0.00	0.00
==> 19 FINES AND FORFEITS	1,538.14	1,000.00
==> 20 INVESTMENT INCOME	2,304.99	2,000.00
==> 21 MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING (PLEASE SPECIFY)	30,437.75	23,480.00
22 MISCELLANEOUS NON-RECURRING (PLEASE SPECIFY)	11,256.79	2,500.00
<b>23 TOTALS</b>	\$ <b>93,330.48</b>	\$ <b>76,580.00</b>

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**CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES OF FUNDING**

**TAX RATE RECAPITULATION**

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**FISCAL 2012**

City / Town / District

APPROPRIATIONS							AUTHORIZATIONS	
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City / Town Council or Town Meeting Dates	FY*	(a)  Total Appropriations of Each Meeting	(b) **  From Raise and Appropriate	(c)  From Free Cash See B-1	(d)  From Other Available Funds See B-2	(e)  From Offset Receipts (See A-1), Enterprise Funds (See A-2), or Community Preservation Fund (See A-4)	(f) ***  Revolving Funds (See A-3)	(g)  Borrowing Authorization
11/16/2010	2011	16,474.58	0.00	0.00	16,474.58	0.00	0.00	0.00
02/01/2011	2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04/05/2011	2011	350.00	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05/09/2011	2011	47,500.00	0.00	0.00	47,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05/09/2011	2012	3,686,832.00	3,147,582.00	43,000.00	496,250.00	0.00	18,500.00	0.00
06/07/2011	2012	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
09/20/2011	2012	4,238.80	0.00	0.00	4,238.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
11/02/2011	2012	21,064.00	0.00	0.00	21,064.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12/21/2011	2012	125,370.00	0.00	0.00	125,370.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals</b>		3,916,829.38	3,147,582.00	43,350.00	725,897.38	0.00		
		Must Equal Cols. (b) thru (e)						

I hereby certify that the appropriations correctly reflect the votes taken by City / Town / District Council.

# Board of Assessors

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Membership of the Board remained the same throughout this year as **Rick Williams** was re-elected to a three-year term at the annual town elections in May 2011. Rick was also nominated and elected to serve again as Chair.

The Board would like to thank **Sandy Daviau**, Assessor's Clerk, for her handling of the day-to-day tasks in the Assessor's Office. Sandy has a good deal of contact with the public and always manages to be gracious and helpful to everyone.

The Assessors continues to utilize **Patriot Properties' AssessPro** assessing software and **Cartographic Associates' Query Manager** GIS mapping software. **Mayflower Valuations** continues to provide annual residential appraisal consulting services.

The following items were addressed at the routine monthly meetings, as needed: **building permits** received from the building inspector were reviewed and flagged for the annual field verification...**survey plans** and **deeds** recording property transfers received from the Franklin County Registry of Deeds were reviewed and compared to tax maps for verification of data and adjustments were made to affected property cards...**tax map changes** were documented and forwarded to the mapping service for update...**Form of List** (personal property declaration) returns received from taxpayers were reviewed and filed...and **real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle excise tax bill warrants and commitments** and any applicable abatement applications were reviewed and approved, as required.

In response to a request from the Board of Selectmen to help create more storage space in the Town Hall this year, the Assessors agreed to give up their separate meeting room and consolidate operations into the one office.

In support of the **FY12 Triennial Revaluation**, bids were solicited and the services of several professional appraisal consultants were contracted this year. **Mainstream Associates** was again contracted jointly by the Towns of Rowe, Monroe, and Florida to conduct appraisals of the hydroelectric generating facilities owned by TransCanada and Brookfield Power. **G.E.Sansoucy, PE** was again contracted to conduct an appraisal of the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation owned by Yankee Atomic Electric Company.

Based on the **sales analysis** for Rowe which compares sale prices with assessed values for the previous two years, FY12 residential home values in Rowe increased between 1.5% - 10% depending on type, condition, and value of the home. Building lot values increased about 11% while raw land values remained unchanged.

The certification of values for FY12 by the Mass Department of Revenue (DOR) was delayed due to disagreements between the appraisal consultant and the power companies over the proposed values for the hydroelectric facilities. The final **FY12 total town valuation** increased by 6.4% to **\$304,532,689**.

The FY12 tax rates of **\$5.16** for Residential and **\$11.19** for Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property (CIP) were set in early-January of 2012 at the Classification Hearing with the Board of Selectmen. This contrasts to the previous fiscal year tax rates of **\$5.33** for Residential and **\$11.56** for CIP.

According to DOR records for FY12, Rowe had the **4<sup>th</sup> lowest residential tax rate** but enjoyed the **2<sup>nd</sup> lowest average single family tax bill** in the state (\$1125).

Reminder...the so-called **Proposition 2½ Levy Limit** restricts the amount of money that Rowe can raise each year from taxation. By law this limit only increases by 2½% each year (**approx. \$70,739 for FY12**). Despite our enviable low tax rate and low tax bills, the Town has been bumping up against its Prop 2½ Levy Limit for many years now and has had to make cuts, defer projects, or utilize other "available funds" from Free Cash and the Stabilization Fund to balance the regular operating budget and to pay for special projects.

Please feel free to visit the Assessor's Office during posted office hours or posted monthly meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick N. (Rick) Williams,  
Chairman  
Heidi Cousineau  
Carrie Y. Silva

# Property Transfers

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Grogan-Kamansky, Barbara of Rowe, Ma, For No Consideration, Grant To Greaney, Lisa Marie of Shelburne Falls, MA, Property Located At 81 Pine Road Drive. (Map 202 Lots 24 & 25)

Wood, Susan C. & Jolly, Russell W. of Rowe, Ma, For Consideration Paid of \$1.00, Grant To Wood, Susan C., Jolly, Russell W. & Wood, Jennifer Younglove of Rowe, MA, Property Located At 19 Stone Road. (Map 402 Lots 49, 51, 48)

Patel, Hetal of South Windsor, Ct, For Full Consideration Paid Of \$9,999.00, Grant To Fowler, Douglas M. & Shane G. of Haverhill, MA, Property Located Off Zoar Road. (Map 410 Lot 25)

Danek, Thomas P. Jr. of Rowe, Ma, & Ruebesan Danek, Debora Jeanette For Consideration Of \$1.00, Grant To Danek, Thomas P. Jr. & Helen E. of Rowe, Property Located At 39 Cross Road. (Map 402 Lot 6)

Phelps, Daniel R. Jr. of York, Pa, In Consideration of the Judgment of Divorce of Franklin Probate Court, Grant To Fuller, Mary Jo A. of Rowe, Property Located At 36 Petrie Road. (Map 407 Lot 19)

Crowningshield, Debra A. & Steven R. of Rowe Ma, In Consideration of \$123,500.00, Grants To Crowningshield, Matthew R. & Jenna M. of Rowe, Property Located At 16 Newell Cross Road. (Map 202 Lot 39)

Miller, Deborah, of Rowe, MA, Individually And As The Executor of the Estate of Avery, Marion, For Consideration of \$85,000.00, Grant To Crowningshield, Steven R. & Debra A. of Rowe, Property Located At 245 Zoar Road. (Map 205 Lots 3 & 4)

Truesdell, Ruth Ann of Bushnell, FL, For Consideration Paid of \$1.00, Grant To Truesdell, Ruth Ann & Truesdell, Richard Henry II of Orange, MA, Property Located on Tunnel Road. (Map 407 Lots 4 & 24)

Newman, Murray L. Jr., Janice H. & Martin S. of Heath, MA & Newman, Nancy Elise of Baltimore, MD, In Consideration of \$1.00, Grant To Newman, Murray L. Jr. & Janice H. of Heath, MA, Property Located In Rowe. (Map 402 Lot 72)

Bickford, Peter H. & Michalina P. of New York, NY, In Consideration of \$90,000.00, Grant To Gottesman, Barbara A. of Nyack, NY, Property Located At 182 Ford Hill Road. (Map 202 Lot 54)

Kovalchuk, Michael of Rowley, MA, In Consideration Of \$170,000.00, Grant To Shulda, Philip W. & Lynne K. of Shelburne, MA, Property Located on Zoar Road. (Map 205 Lots 7, 8, 10, 11, Map 407 Lot 1 & Map 410 Lot 8)

Shulda, Philip W. & Lynne K. of Shelburne, MA, In Consideration of \$1.00, Grant To Shulda, Philip W. & Lynne K., Trustees of The Shulda, Philip W. & Lynne K. Revocable Trust of Shelburne, MA, Property Located on Zoar Road. (Map 205 Lots 7, 8, 10, 11, Map 407 Lot 1 & Map 410 Lot 8)

## FORCLOSURE DEED

Johnston, Robin L. & Williams, James T. From Rowe, MA, Property Has Been Conveyed To Nationstar Mortgage LLC of Lewisville, TX, For \$257,703.77, Property Located At 75 Stone Hill Rd. (Map 402 Lot 56)

# Finance Committee

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This year the Finance Committee is fortunate to be working with all five positions filled. Unfortunately for the two experienced members of this committee, three of us are new to this particular job. The learning curve is steep; however, the enthusiasm and level of ability is up to the task.

In a departure from past procedure, the Finance Committee will be working separately and developing its own budget and recommendations. In pursuit of information, members of the FC will attend BOS meetings in order to hear the presentations by the heads of boards and committees who present their budget requests.

It is important to remember that not all households in the Town of Rowe are affluent and that we must be mindful of all of our citizens.

One important development in 2011 was that there were indications from one of our utilities that they would seek an abatement in their real estate taxes. This, of course, would affect the town's income and we should be prepared to operate with lower revenues.

Towns, as well as individuals, can learn to live within their means, and the Finance Committee will do its best to achieve a good balance between necessary budget increases and fiscal restraint.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Wilson, Chair  
Myra Carlow  
Susan Wood  
Maggie Parent  
Dennis May

# Tax Collector's Report - Fiscal Year 2011

July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

Year/ Tax	Outstanding 7-1-10	Commit ments	Abate ments	Tax Title	Pay ments	Refunds	Adjust- ments *	Outstanding 6-30-11
00 MVE	-67.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-67.50
01 MVE	-72.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-72.50
02 MVE	-42.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-42.50
04 MVE	-81.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 #	-81.67
05 MVE	-223.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-223.75
06 MVE	-767.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-767.94
07 MVE	-640.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-640.42
08 MVE	-425.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-425.31
09 MVE	-311.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	98.85	0.00	0.00	-213.13
10 MVE	-4,903.15	-3,013.12	300.84	0.00	6,499.29	-311.78	0.00	-1,427.92
11 MVE	0.00	-39410.97	899.9	0.00	35423.45	-899.90	0.00	-3,987.52
10 PP	-217.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	217.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
11 PP	0.00	-1186596.55	0	0.00	1186596.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
07 RE	-0.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
08 RE	-1,022.01	0	0	0.00	113.09	0.00	0.00	-908.92
09 RE	-349.40	0	0	0.00	349.4	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 RE	-6,069.97	0	0	0.00	4926.35	-424.06	0.00	-1,567.68
11 RE	0.00	-1803908.190	4597.59	68.76	1795886.95	-915.45	0.00	-4,270.34
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>-15,195.92</b>	<b>-3,032,928.83</b>	<b>5,798.33</b>	<b>68.76</b>	<b>3,030,111.75</b>	<b>-2,551.19</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-14,697.10</b>

## Miscellaneous Collections

\$225.00	Lien Fees
325.00	Demand/Warrant/Misc Fees
70.00	Deputy Collector Fees
40.00	Mark for Non Renewal
1,107.68	Interest on Overdue Tax Payments
5.15	NSF Fees Collected
27.52	Bank Interest
<b>\$1,800.35</b>	

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra P. Daviau, Tax Collector

# Town Accountant

All requisite reports were filed with the State and Federal authorities, including Schedule A, Schedule A Edits, Free Cash Balance Sheet, Year End Checklist, Snow & Ice, Franklin Regional Retirement monthly reports, Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement reports, Department of Education reports, Department of Employment and Training reports, Division of Unemployment Assistance reports, Chapter 90 reports, Department of Energy Resources reports and Federal ARRA reports. Required reports for the Tax Recap sheet were prepared and submitted for tax rate certification.

Payroll and Treasury Warrants were prepared on a biweekly basis, and the general ledger and budget ledger maintained. Department heads were supplied with budget vs. actual information on a monthly basis, and more often as needed.

Budgets and capital requests were received from departments, boards, committees and compiled into the FY2012 Budget Worksheet and the Capital Improvement Plan.

The Department of Revenue has not certified the July 1, 2011 Free Cash as the 4th Quarter Reconciliation of Cash has not been submitted to this office for review, agreement and filing with the Bureau of Accounts.

I thank Sandy Daviau and Scott Sawyer for their valued assistance during the past year.

Ellen B. Miller, Town Accountant

## Revenue & Expenditures (c. 41, § 61)

### General Fund – Revenue

<b>Taxes</b>	
Personal Property Taxes *	1,186,597
Real Estate Taxes *	1,797,259
Motor Vehicle Excise	40,623
Penalties/Interest	1,108
In Lieu of Taxes	5,107
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,030,754</b>
* Personal Property Taxes and Real Estate Taxes are reported net of 60 day accruals	

### Charges for Service/Other Departmental Revenues

Park & Recreation Revenues	0
Other Departmental Revenues	4,858
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,858</b>

### Licenses, Permits and Fees

Licenses and Permits	1,203
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,203</b>

### Federal Revenue

<b>Revenues from State</b>	<b>480</b>
Cherry Sheet, etc.	97,345
<b>Total</b>	<b>97,345</b>

### Revenues from Other Govts - Court Fines

<b>Total Fines, and Forfeitures</b>	<b>1,310</b>
	228

### Miscellaneous Revenues

Miscellaneous Revenues	24,553
Interest from Investments	2,305
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,858</b>

### General Fund – Total Revenues

<b>General Fund – Total Revenues</b>	<b>3,163,036</b>
<b>Inter-fund Transfers</b>	<b>0</b>
Special Revenue Funds	146,853
Transfers from Trust Funds	146,853
<b>Total</b>	<b>146,853</b>

### Total General Fund Revenues and Other Financing Uses and Transfers

3,309,889

### General Fund – Expenditures

Salary and Wages	599,989
Expenditures	1,831,971
Construction	0
Capital Outlay	155,098
Debt Service	0
Unclassified	569,413

### General Fund – Expenditures - Total

3,156,471

### Other Financing Uses

Transfers to Other Fund	177,534
<b>Total Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>178,941</b>

### General Fund Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

3,334,005

### Special Revenue Funds

<b>Revenues</b>	
Taxes and Excises	0
Charges for Services	0
Federal Revenue	0
State Revenue	232,890
Miscellaneous Revenue	24,569
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>257,459</b>

### Other Financing Sources

Bond Proceeds	0
Transfers from Other Funds	0
Other Financing Sources	0
<b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>0</b>

### Total Revenues & Other Financing Sources

257,459

### Expenditures

Salary and Wages	0
Expenditures	364,212

Construction	0
Capital Outlay	0
Debt Service	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>364,212</b>
<b>Other Financing Uses</b>	
Transfers to Other Funds	0
Other Financing Uses	0
<b>Total Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>364,212</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency)</b>	<b>(106,753)</b>
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	278,473
Adjustments	0
<b>Fund Balance End of Year</b>	<b>171,720</b>
<b>Capital Project Funds</b>	
Revenues	0
Expenditures	0
<b>Enterprise Funds</b>	
Revenues	0
Expenditures	0
<b>Trust Funds</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>	
Taxes and Excises	0
Charges for Services	0
Federal Revenue	0
State Revenue	0
Miscellaneous Revenue	0
Earnings on Investments	7,248
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>7,248</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>	
Transfers from Other Funds	180,034
Other Financing Sources	0
<b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>180,034</b>
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>187,282</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Salary and Wages	0
Expenditures	3,917
Construction	0
Capital Outlay	0
Debt Service	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,917</b>
<b>Other Financing Uses</b>	
Transfers to Other Funds	149,353
Other Financing Uses	0
<b>Total Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>149,353</b>
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>153,270</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency)</b>	<b>34,012</b>
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	2,183,503
Adjustments	0
<b>Fund Balance End of Year</b>	<b>2,172,515</b>

### Agency Fund Balance

Agency Fund Balance July 1, 2010	(1,319)
Additions	21,956
Deductions	-19,353
<b>Agency Fund Balance June 30, 2011</b>	<b>1,284</b>

### Personnel Expenditures as of Dec 1, 2010

Total Salaries and Wages	1,162,349
<b>Total Number of Employees</b>	<b>112</b>

### Schedule of Cash/Investments June 30, 2011

General Fund	631,752
Special Revenue	171,720
Debt Service Fund	0
Capital Project Funds	0
Enterprise Funds	0
Trust Funds	2,172,515
Agency Funds	1,284
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,977,271</b>

### Reconciliation of Fund Equity (Retained Earnings)

Total Revenues	3,427,743
Total Expenditures	3,524,600
<b>Total Excess (Deficiency) – Rev over Exp</b>	<b>(96,857)</b>

### Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Transfers from Other Funds	326,887
Other Financing Sources	0
Transfer to Other Funds	326,887
Other Financing Uses	0
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>0</b>

### Total Excess (Deficiency) – Revenue over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources

Fund Equity (Retained Earnings) 7-1-10	3,067,080
Other Adjustments	0
<b>Total Fund Equity (Retained Earnings)</b>	<b>2,970,223</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen B. Miller,  
Town Accountant

# Accountant's Report - Appropriation Balances - June 30, 2011

Account No.	Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
<b>(1) General Governmentt</b>					
01-5-101-110	Select - Legal Expenses	8,500.00	(7,999.81)	500.19	5.00
01-5-101-220	Select - Selectmen Stipend	5,562.00	(3,939.75)	1,622.25	29.00
01-5-101-290	Select - Gen Admin	23,202.00	(21,158.43)	2,043.57	8.00
01-5-101-291	Select - Microfilm Twn Records	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	100.00
01-5-101-292	Select - Misc Office Stpnd	2,060.00	(2,060.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-101-293	Select - Town Officer Exp	1,607.00	(894.91)	712.09	44.00
01-5-101-294	Select - Print Town Reports	3,570.00	(3,570.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-101-295	Select - Municipal Audit	3,500.00	(3,500.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-101-296	Select - Summer Youth Emp	25,500.00	(25,489.35)	10.65	0.00
01-5-101-297	Select - SYE Encumb	3,500.00	(175.50)	3,324.50	94.00
01-5-101-298	Council on Aging	4,000.00	(4,000.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-101-350	Select - Accnt/Admin Sal	57,697.00	(57,697.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-101-351	Select - Asst Acct/Clerk	12,206.00	(12,202.32)	3.68	0.00
01-5-101-352	AsstAcct Clrk Pay Encum	372.46	(253.95)	118.51	31.00
01-5-101-360	Select - FRCOG Regl Svcs	11,420.00	(11,420.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-101-361	Select - FRCOG Statutory Asses	6,347.00	(6,347.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-101-365	Select - Comp Equip/Softwr	10,350.00	(8,983.83)	1,366.17	13.00
01-5-101-367	Select - Computer Support	16,000.00	(16,000.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-101-368	Select- Broadband Analysis/Pla	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-5-101-370	Select - FRCOG Fees	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-5-101-410	Assessor Stipend	5,100.00	(5,100.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-101-411	Assessor Clerical Wage	8,900.00	(8,483.12)	416.88	4.00
01-5-101-412	Assessor Clrk Encumb Pay	444.41	(249.71)	194.70	43.00
01-5-101-413	Assessor Operation	11,050.00	(10,853.57)	196.43	1.00
01-5-101-414	Assessors Printer CSF	1,650.00	(1,650.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-101-420	Assessor Reval/Prop Updat	15,000.00	(680.00)	14,320.00	95.00
01-5-101-421	Assessor Full Measure/List	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-5-101-450	Treasurer Stipend	7,576.00	(7,576.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-101-451	Assist. Treasurer Pay	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-5-101-460	Tax Collector Stipend	6,910.00	(6,910.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-101-470	Tax Collector Operations	6,976.00	(6,975.54)	0.46	0.00
01-5-101-610	Town Clerk Stipend	6,910.00	(6,910.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-101-620	Election/Teller Expenses	4,000.00	(2,220.52)	1,779.48	44.00
01-5-101-630	Registrar/Census Comp	700.00	(700.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-101-710	Conservation Comm Ops	200.00	(200.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-101-720	Agricultural Comm Ops	250.00	0.00	250.00	100.00
01-5-101-730	Yankee Land Comm Ops	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-5-101-750	Plan Board Operations	1,250.00	(336.05)	913.95	73.00
01-5-101-751	Plan Bd Consulting Exp	2,500.00	(822.50)	1,677.50	67.00
01-5-101-752	Plan Bd Goal Post Ops	10,100.00	(7,806.42)	2,293.58	22.00
01-5-101-754	Plan Bd Ops Encumbered	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-5-101-810	Historic Landscp ID Program	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.00
01-5-900-100	Custodian Wage Encumbered	154.78	26.42	181.20	117.00
01-5-901-901	Town Hall Custodian Wage	7,000.00	(6,357.18)	642.82	9.00
01-5-901-902	Mncpl Cntr Oprtn & Maint	13,727.00	(13,727.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-901-903	Elevator Maintenance	3,996.00	(3,996.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-901-904	TH Elevator Upgrade	1,295.00	(1,295.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-901-905	Gracy House Operations	5,000.00	(2,644.39)	2,355.61	47.00
01-5-901-906	Beautification	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-901-907	CSF - PWS Upgrades	6,000.00	(5,488.29)	511.71	8.00
01-5-901-908	Gracy House Maint/Repairs	1,221.76	(1,170.72)	51.04	4.00
01-5-901-912	Dam Maint/Inspec/Repair	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-5-901-913	Dam Inspections CSF	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	100.00
01-5-901-916	Gracy House/Soule Barn CSF	15,566.78	(1,751.55)	13,815.23	88.00
01-5-901-919	FC High Speed Internet	35,000.00	(33,400.00)	1,600.00	4.00



Account No.	Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-901-921	CSF Soule Barn Roof	5,800.00	(1,440.00)	4,360.00	75.00
01-5-901-922	CSF Soule Foundation Wall	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00	100.00
01-5-901-924	CSF TH Slate Roof Repair	225.00	(225.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-901-931	CSF Town Hall Phone Sys	15,775.00	(15,775.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-901-932	CSF TH Ceiling Tiles	1,075.60	0.00	1,075.60	100.00
01-5-901-933	CSF Gracy House Windows	950.00	(944.84)	5.16	0.00
01-5-901-935	CSF Paint DPW Structures	920.53	(920.53)	0.00	0.00
01-5-901-937	CSF Paint Gracy House	4,335.00	(3,380.47)	954.53	22.00
01-5-901-938	CSF Paint Fire Station	1,949.00	(1,949.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-901-939	CSF Paint Town Hall	8,275.00	(6,850.00)	1,425.00	17.00
01-5-901-940	Town Hall Fuel Oil	5,900.00	(5,894.83)	5.17	0.00
01-5-901-941	Town Hall Electricity	9,654.00	(7,435.45)	2,218.55	22.00
01-5-901-943	ESCO Ann Meas/Verification	4,000.00	(2,000.00)	2,000.00	50.00
01-5-901-945	Solar PV Energy Consultant	4,000.00	(4,000.00)	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>463,530.32</b>	<b>(375,784.11)</b>	<b>87,746.21</b>	
<b>(10.3) Transfers and Other</b>					
01-5-909-200	Stabilization Approp.	177,534.00	(177,534.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-957-800	Reserve Fund FY2011	7,117.00	0.00	7,117.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>184,651.00</b>	<b>(177,534.00)</b>	<b>7,117.00</b>	
<b>(10.4) State Charges</b>					
01-5-907-001	State Chgs Air Pollution	334.00	(334.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-907-002	State Chgs Reg'l Transit	2,725.00	(2,725.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-907-003	State Chgs RMV NonRenew	180.00	0.00	180.00	100.00
01-5-907-004	State Chgs Sch Choice	22,609.00	(23,402.00)	(793.00)	0.00
01-5-907-005	State Chgs Charter School	30,438.00	0.00	30,438.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>56,286.00</b>	<b>(26,461.00)</b>	<b>29,825.00</b>	
<b>(2) Public Works and Facilities</b>					
01-5-204-220	Hwy - Wages	167,106.43	(161,109.65)	5,996.78	3.00
01-5-204-221	Hwy - Encumbered Wage	4,645.90	618.12	5,264.02	113.00
01-5-204-222	Hwy - Operation & Maint	29,650.00	(29,613.49)	36.51	0.00
01-5-204-224	Hwy - Fuel/Town Vehicles	38,374.85	(38,374.85)	0.00	0.00
01-5-204-225	Hwy - Heating Oil	5,594.91	(5,594.91)	0.00	0.00
01-5-204-226	Hwy - Electricity	2,158.00	(2,146.97)	11.03	0.00
01-5-204-228	Hwy - Rd Maint/Reclam	27,278.00	(27,268.77)	9.23	0.00
01-5-204-229	Hwy-Zoar Rd Milling/Rsrfc	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	100.00
01-5-204-230	Hwy - Annual Projects	40,000.00	(39,999.00)	1.00	0.00
01-5-204-232	Hwy - Supt Salary	76,206.00	(76,206.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-204-234	Hwy - Lawn Mower CSF	13,113.00	(12,990.32)	122.68	0.00
01-5-204-235	Hwy - Boom Mower CSF	15,000.00	(15,000.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-204-242	Hwy - New Garage Roof CSF	15,000.00	(15,000.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-204-250	Hwy - Winter Roads	64,452.81	(64,452.81)	0.00	0.00
01-5-204-251	Hwy - Winter Rd Overdraft	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-5-204-252	Street Lighting	5,253.00	(4,947.01)	305.99	5.00
01-5-504-910	Cemetery Maintenance	13,000.00	(12,988.00)	12.00	0.00
01-5-504-912	CSF Cemetery Road Improve	9,480.00	0.00	9,480.00	100.00
01-5-504-915	Cemetery Fence Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>546,312.90</b>	<b>(505,073.66)</b>	<b>41,239.24</b>	
<b>(3) Public Safety</b>					
01-5-602-100	Police Chief Stipend	9,789.00	(9,789.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-602-103	Police Officer Wages	15,683.00	(10,753.94)	4,929.06	31.00
01-5-602-104	Police Off Encumb Wage	1,489.16	(1,017.91)	471.25	31.00
01-5-602-105	Police Dept Operation	7,400.00	(5,626.11)	1,773.89	23.00
01-5-602-106	Police New Cruiser	39,393.00	(30,293.73)	9,099.27	23.00

Account No.	Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-602-200	Fire Chief Stipend	6,910.00	(6,910.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-602-201	Fire Officer Stipend	5,400.00	(5,400.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-602-202	Fire Fighter Reimburse	7,250.00	(7,250.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-602-203	Fire Dept Operation	16,156.41	(16,156.41)	0.00	0.00
01-5-602-205	Fire Dept - Heating Oil	4,456.59	(4,456.59)	0.00	0.00
01-5-602-206	Fire Dept - Electricity	3,035.00	(2,362.00)	673.00	22.00
01-5-602-215	Fire Pond Upgrade	11,109.12	0.00	11,109.12	100.00
01-5-602-218	Fire Dept Admin Clerk	3,500.00	(3,500.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-602-219	Emergency Management	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-602-220	Forest Fire Control	100.00	(100.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-602-221	Fire Dept Haz Mat Control	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-602-400	Bldg Insp Fees & Reimburse	4,500.00	(3,461.37)	1,038.63	23.00
01-5-602-430	Plumbing/Gas Insp Program	1,766.00	(1,766.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-602-450	Electrical Inspection Program	2,317.00	(2,317.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-602-910	Emergency Notification System	1,000.00	(900.00)	100.00	10.00
01-5-702-302	New Ambulance Purchase	11,500.00	(11,304.00)	196.00	1.00
01-5-702-320	EMS Coordinator Stipend	2,012.00	(2,012.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-702-321	EMS Operations	2,000.00	(1,901.35)	98.65	4.00
01-5-702-323	EMS Personnel/Expenses	4,300.00	(4,147.92)	152.08	3.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>163,066.28</b>	<b>(133,425.33)</b>	<b>29,640.95</b>	

#### (4) Health and Sanitation

01-5-704-312	Hazardous Waste Collection	500.00	(243.00)	257.00	51.00
01-5-704-330	Refuse Garden Operation	31,800.00	(30,937.61)	862.39	2.00
01-5-704-335	Transfer Sta Attend Wages	15,477.00	(14,428.94)	1,048.06	6.00
01-5-704-336	FCSWMD Assess (partial)	1,760.00	(1,681.00)	79.00	4.00
01-5-704-337	Attendant Wages Encumb	382.80	0.00	382.80	100.00
01-5-704-338	New Recycling Shed	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	100.00
01-5-704-339	TransSta Fence Repair CSF	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	100.00
01-5-704-340	Refuse Garden Snowblower	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	100.00
01-5-705-090	BOH Stipends	4,635.00	(4,441.88)	193.12	4.00
01-5-705-095	BOH Clerk Wages	9,104.00	(8,413.75)	690.25	7.00
01-5-705-096	BOH Clerk Wages Encumbered	44.45	120.65	165.10	371.00
01-5-705-100	BOH Operations	15,072.00	(9,039.94)	6,032.06	40.00
01-5-705-110	BOH Operations Encumbered	0.00	25.00	25.00	0.00
01-5-705-220	Town Nurse Wages	27,016.00	(26,127.54)	888.46	3.00
01-5-705-221	Town Nurse Wages Encumbered	714.34	64.94	779.28	109.00
01-5-705-222	Health Services Operations	6,000.00	(5,327.42)	672.58	11.00
01-5-705-223	Physician's Stipend	1,000.00	(500.00)	500.00	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>146,005.59</b>	<b>(100,930.49)</b>	<b>45,075.10</b>	

#### (5) Education

01-5-300-001	School Comm Stipend	4,284.00	(3,620.86)	663.14	15.00
01-5-300-002	Rowe Elementary School	1,211,630.00	(1,210,785.25)	844.75	0.00
01-5-300-003	Rowe Sch Encumbered	77,687.23	1,520.55	79,207.78	101.00
01-5-300-004	Rowe Sch Copier CSF	10,000.00	(8,062.00)	1,938.00	19.00
01-5-300-005	Rowe Sch Phone Sys CSF	8,000.00	(7,978.46)	21.54	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,311,601.23</b>	<b>(1,228,926.02)</b>	<b>82,675.21</b>	

#### (6) Culture and Recreation

01-5-306-100	Library Director Wages	22,132.00	(22,104.95)	27.05	0.00
01-5-306-101	Library Staff Wages	14,922.00	(14,895.57)	26.43	0.00
01-5-306-102	Library Operation	16,494.00	(16,295.96)	198.04	1.00
01-5-306-103	Library Wages Encumbered	442.73	47.76	490.49	110.00
01-5-306-104	Librarian's Wages Encumbered	922.00	0.00	922.00	100.00
01-5-306-107	Lib - IT Equip Upgrade	3,882.01	(3,823.18)	58.83	1.00
01-5-306-108	Lib- IT Equip Upgrd CWM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Account No.	Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-306-109	Library - Fuel Oil	1,545.00	(1,515.79)	29.21	1.00
01-5-306-110	Library - Electricity	1,470.00	(1,399.08)	70.92	4.00
01-5-306-112	Lib CWMARS Mininet Member	4,040.00	(4,040.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-306-113	Lib CWMARS 1-Time Chgs	6,400.00	(6,400.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-306-114	CWMARS IT Equip CSF	2,550.00	(1,825.00)	725.00	28.00
01-5-306-115	Lib ADA Restroom CSF	6,556.00	0.00	6,556.00	100.00
01-5-306-116	Lib Front Steps CSF	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	100.00
01-5-901-929	Town Tents	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	100.00
01-5-906-300	Old Home Day	6,000.00	(5,946.40)	53.60	0.00
01-5-906-305	Old Home Day Fireworks	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-906-500	Park Wages	40,772.00	(39,418.31)	1,353.69	3.00
01-5-906-501	Park Wages Encumbered	3,478.38	41.37	3,519.75	101.00
01-5-906-502	Park Operations/Maintenance	22,200.00	(22,195.85)	4.15	0.00
01-5-906-503	Park Ranger Salary	41,737.00	(41,737.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-906-505	Park Property Damage	4,000.00	(3,213.94)	786.06	19.00
01-5-906-508	Park Compost Lav Fac CSF	24,725.00	(23,473.55)	1,251.45	5.00
01-5-906-509	Park Util Veh Equip CSF	9,854.00	(9,854.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-906-510	Park Swing Set CSF	3,183.00	(3,183.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-906-511	Park Lake Botanical Survey	3,050.00	(2,900.00)	150.00	4.00
01-5-906-514	Park Hdqtrs Bldg Roof CSF	1,700.00	(1,678.98)	21.02	1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>254,055.12</b>	<b>(230,811.43)</b>	<b>23,243.69</b>	
<b>(7) Pensions and Insurance</b>					
01-5-901-900	Bonding & Insurance	45,000.00	(40,798.05)	4,201.95	9.00
01-5-909-110	County Retirement	99,752.00	(99,752.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-909-130	Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.00
01-5-909-140	Grp Medical/Medex Prem Twn Shr	390,000.00	(371,590.35)	18,409.65	4.00
01-5-909-145	FICA/Medicare Tax Twn Shr	36,000.00	(30,811.57)	5,188.43	14.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>571,752.00</b>	<b>(542,951.97)</b>	<b>28,800.03</b>	
<b>(8) Veterans</b>					
01-5-405-430	Veterans Agent Stipend	500.00	(500.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-405-431	Veterans Admin Ops	400.00	(376.50)	23.50	5.00
01-5-405-432	Veterans Benefits	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>(876.50)</b>	<b>123.50</b>	
<b>(9) Debt Service</b>					
01-5-204-227	Hwy - ESCO Lease Pymt	4,366.00	(4,366.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-306-111	Library - ESCO Lease Pymt	1,999.00	(1,999.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-602-207	Fire Dept - ESCO Lease Pymt	1,224.00	(1,224.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-807-520	Bank Chrgs & Loan Interest	500.00	(500.00)	0.00	0.00
01-5-901-942	Town Hall ESCO Lease Pymt	3,142.00	(3,141.00)	1.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>11,231.00</b>	<b>(11,230.00)</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>3,709,491.44</b>	<b>(3,334,004.51)</b>	<b>375,486.93</b>	
		3,709,491.44	(3,334,004.51)	375,486.93	

# Accountant's Report - Fiscal Year 2011 Revenue

Account No.	Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
<b>(10.0) Property Taxes</b>					
01-4-110-000	Personal Property Taxes	(1,186,596.55)	1,186,596.55	0.00	0
01-4-120-000	Real Estate Taxes	(1,797,327.45)	1,797,258.94	(68.51)	0
01-4-615-000	Abatements - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(2,983,924.00)</b>	<b>2,983,855.49</b>	<b>(68.51)</b>	
<b>(10.1) State Aid</b>					
01-4-611-000	Abatements-Vets,Blind,SS	(1,875.00)	4,108.00	2,233.00	0
01-4-630-000	Unrestricted General Govt. Aid	(3,332.00)	3,332.00	0.00	0
01-4-661-000	Lottery Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-662-000	Add'l Lottery Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-663-000	Highway Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-664-000	Dec 2008 Ice Storm Local Aid	0.00	850.00	850.00	0
01-4-670-000	Chapter 90 Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-680-000	Other State Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(5,207.00)</b>	<b>8,290.00</b>	<b>3,083.00</b>	
<b>(10.2) Estimated Receipts</b>					
01-4-150-000	Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	(38,000.00)	40,623.24	2,623.24	0
01-4-170-000	Penalties & Interest on Taxes	(1,500.00)	962.72	(537.28)	35
01-4-172-000	Penalties & Interest on MVExcise	0.00	144.96	144.96	0
01-4-325-000	Fees - Board of Health	0.00	250.00	250.00	0
01-4-330-100	Fees - Town Clerk	0.00	51.00	51.00	0
01-4-330-150	Fees - Police Dept	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-330-155	Fees - Copier/FAX	0.00	154.27	154.27	0
01-4-330-160	Fees - Misc	(870.00)	0.00	(870.00)	100
01-4-330-170	Fees - Sch Music Lessons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-330-175	Fees - After Sch Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-330-557	Fees - Pistol Permits (Town Share)	0.00	475.00	475.00	0
01-4-360-000	Rentals	(5,700.00)	4,858.37	(841.63)	14
01-4-369-000	Licenses & Permits	(800.00)	30.00	(770.00)	96
01-4-442-000	Licenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-445-000	Dog Licenses	0.00	243.25	243.25	0
01-4-445-001	Dog Lic Late Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-450-000	Recycling Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-475-000	Election Hours	(480.00)	480.00	0.00	0
01-4-480-000	In Lieu of Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-610-000	Reimb State-Owned Land	(5,167.00)	5,167.00	0.00	0
01-4-616-000	Veterans Benefits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-618-000	Medicare Assistance-Sch	(4,000.00)	16,661.70	12,661.70	0
01-4-620-000	School Aid Chapter 70	(67,290.00)	67,290.00	0.00	0
01-4-621-000	School Transportation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-622-000	Charter Sch Assess Reimb	(5,852.00)	5,103.00	(749.00)	12
01-4-685-000	Library Fines	0.00	72.99	72.99	0
01-4-686-000	Park Programs - Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-770-000	NSF Fees	0.00	105.15	105.15	0
01-4-772-000	RMV Fines	(700.00)	1,310.00	610.00	0
01-4-773-000	By-Law Infraction Fines	0.00	50.00	50.00	0
01-4-815-000	Sale of Fixed Assets	0.00	551.00	551.00	0
01-4-820-000	Earnings on Investments	(9,000.00)	506.80	(8,493.20)	94
01-4-822-000	Interest on Checking	0.00	1,798.19	1,798.19	0
01-4-830-000	Refunds Misc	(600.00)	0.00	(600.00)	100
01-4-830-010	Vendor Rebates	0.00	6,915.35	6,915.35	0

Account No.	Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-4-830-050	Refunds/Reimb MIIA	0.00	1,987.00	1,987.00	0
01-4-830-100	Refunds Prior Year	0.00	1,803.44	1,803.44	0
01-4-840-000	Misc Revenue	(11,000.00)	13,296.05	2,296.05	30
01-4-840-100	Misc Revenue - School	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(150,959.00)</b>	<b>170,890.48</b>	<b>19,931.48</b>	
<b>(10.3) Transfers and Other</b>					
01-4-841-000	Free Cash	(137,219.00)	0.00	(137,219.00)	100
01-4-842-000	Available Funds Encumbrances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-843-000	Available Funds Continuing Approp	(282,496.44)	0.00	(282,496.44)	100
01-4-971-000	Trans from Special Revenue Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-972-000	Trans from Trust Funds	(149,686.00)	146,852.60	(2,833.40)	1
01-4-974-000	Trans Receipts Reserved	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(569,401.44)</b>	<b>146,852.60</b>	<b>(422,548.84)</b>	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>(3,709,491.44)</b>	<b>3,309,888.57</b>	<b>(399,602.87)</b>	

Ellen B. Miller  
Town Accountant

# Accountant's Report - Fiscal Year 2011 Revolving Funds

Activity - July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

	Date	Source/Description	Check #	Amount
<b>FB School Programs - 27-3-000-210</b>				
O	7	1/1/2010	Opening Balance	(3,098.32)
W	13	12/24/2010	Berkshire East Ski Area/37 4 Week Ski Program	34624 3,725.00
W	13	12/24/2010	Collins/Moylan Arena/13357 Ice Skating	34630 176.00
TR	100	1/14/2011	ST #85 Student Fees/Ski Program	(2,525.00)
TR	100	1/14/2011	ST #80 Student Fees/Ice Skating	(100.00)
A	47	1/14/2011	Rcls TR100 ST#86 Helmet Rcpts	(187.00)
A	57	1/14/2011	Debit Returned Checks TR101	450.00
W	15	1/21/2011	ProRider Inc/49556 Ski Helmets Sch	34871 190.55
TR	144	3/25/2011	Replacements for Returned Checks	(375.00)
TR	144	3/25/2011	ST#87 Ski Program Payment	(50.00)
TR	153	4/12/2011	ST#90 Student Fees/WashDC Trip	(955.00)
TR	153	4/12/2011	ST#91 Ski Program Payment	(75.00)
TR	153	4/12/2011	ST#92 Ski Helmet Payment	(15.00)
TR	155	4/12/2011	ST#94 Student Fees/Wash DC Trip	(1,090.00)
TR	155	4/12/2011	Replacement for Returned Check	(75.00)
W	23	5/13/2011	Holiday Inn/Room 5/23-5/27/11 Sch	35755 2,045.00
A	127	5/13/2011	Rcls Partial W23 Holiday Inn	590.00
TR	190	6/10/2011	ST#95 Student Fees/Wash DC Trip	(590.00)
Ending Balance				(1,958.77)

## FB After School Programs - 27-3-000-520

O		7/1/2010	Opening Balance	(138.08)
W	4	8/20/2010	Bostleys Sanitary SvcInc/9457 Seasonal Rental	33534 100.00
A	11	8/20/2010	Rcls W4 Bostley to Sch Encumb	(100.00)
TR	48	10/1/2010	RoweSch #77/Soccer Fees	(275.00)
W	10	11/12/2010	Hearth School - PTP/2010 Soccer Reg. Uniforms	34288 340.00
TR	71	12/9/2010	ST #79 Student Fee/Soccer	(20.00)
TR	100	1/14/2011	ST #81 Student Fees/Basketball	(220.00)
TR	100	1/14/2011	ST #86 Student Fees/Helmets	(187.00)
A	47	1/14/2011	Rcls TR100 ST#86 Helmet Rcpts	187.00
W	15	1/21/2011	Silver Screen Design, In/201735 Printing Uniforms	34881 222.02
Ending Balance				(91.06)

## FB School Field Trip/Activities Scholarship Gift Acct - 27-3-000-260

O		7/1/2010	Opening Balance	(520.55)
TR	48	10/1/2010	ST#76 gift - Bottle/Can Recycling	(391.00)
W	10	11/12/2010	Kennedy Center, The/15590686 Field Trip 5/25/11	34290 418.95
TR	71	12/9/2010	ST#78 gift - Bottle/Can Recycling	(147.55)
TR	100	1/14/2011	ST#82 gift - Bottle/Can Recycling	(66.00)
W	15	1/21/2011	Washington National Cath/Field Trip 4/25/11 Sch	34892 95.00
TR	144	3/25/2011	ST#88 gift - Bottle/Can Recycling	(105.00)
TR	153	4/12/2011	ST#89 Gift - Bottle/Can Recycling	(105.00)
W	23	5/13/2011	Holiday Inn/Room 5/23-5/27/11 Sch	35755 814.55
Ending Balance				(6.60)

Date	Source/Description	Check #		Amount
<b>FB Cemetery Sale of Lots - 27-3-000-300</b>				
O	7/1/2010	Opening Balance		(361.00)
TR 101	1/14/2011	West Cemetery - Lot #107 MQ		(100.00)
TR 202	6/28/2011	West Cemetery - Lot #71 PT		(100.00)
		<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>(561.00)</b>
<b>FB East Cemetery Gift Account - 27-3-000-310</b>				
O	7/1/2010	Opening Balance		(500.00)
		<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>(500.00)</b>
<b>FB West Cemetery Gift Account - 27-3-000-320</b>				
O	7/1/2010	Opening Balance		0.00
TR 101	1/14/2011	Pindara Gift/Mem RogerBrown		(25.00)
		<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>(25.00)</b>
<b>FB Wetlands Protection - 27-3-000-400</b>				
O	7/1/2010	Opening Balance		(2,523.70)
W 4	8/20/2010	Recorder, The/145981 Con Com TransCanada Ad	33564	33.73
W 6	9/17/2010	Recorder, The/147585 ConCom Jette Ad 8/28/10	33830	52.47
TR 101	1/14/2011	GA11-03 Jette/ConCom legal ad		(52.47)
TR 101	1/14/2011	GA11-03 TransCanada/ConCom legal ad		(33.73)
W 15	1/21/2011	Valley Environmental Ser/RFDA Review Old Cyrus	34889	460.00
W 15	1/21/2011	Valley Environmental Ser/1544 Crowningshield	34889	602.50
A 56	1/21/2011	Rcls W15 partial Valley Enviro		68.00
W 25	6/10/2011	Recorder, The/168139 ConCom Park Veg. Hearing	35989	29.98
W 28	6/29/2011	Lattrell Ecological Cons/2011 110-1 Lake	36212	302.24
		<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>(1,060.98)</b>
<b>FB Park Gift Account - 27-3-000-500</b>				
O	7/1/2010	Opening Balance		(20.00)
W 2	7/23/2010	Readsboro Lions Club/Bal Due	33325	2,081.24
A 24	7/23/2010	Rcls W2 Readsboro Lions BBQ		(2,081.24)
TR 101	1/14/2011	GA11-03 Spadaro/Gift Park Trails		(20.00)
		<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>(40.00)</b>
<b>FB BOH Vaccine Purchases - 27-3-000-525</b>				
O	7/1/2010	Opening Balance		(2,221.20)
		<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>(2,221.20)</b>
<b>FB Goal Post Subscriptions - 27-3-000-550</b>				
O	7/1/2010	Opening Balance		(543.00)
W 14	1/7/2011	Pitney Bowes 371874/Postage Meter refill 12/7	34762	543.00
TR 101	1/14/2011	LP - Subscription		(10.00)
TR 106	1/19/2011	H-N - Subscription		(13.00)
TR 109	1/28/2011	F+A - Subscription		(10.00)
TR 188	6/10/2011	NC, JC, LJ , JM, CT - Subscriptions		(53.00)
		<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>(86.00)</b>

Date	Source/Description	Check #	Amount		
FB Old Home Day - 27-3-000-575					
O	7/1/2010	Opening Balance	(769.26)		
A	24	7/23/2010	Rcls W2 Readsboro Lions BBQ	2,081.24	
TR	26	9/16/2010	Fun Run Regis (15)/OHD	(75.00)	
TR	26	9/16/2010	Cow Flop Contest/OHD	(158.00)	
TR	26	9/16/2010	Craft Booth Regis Fee/OHD	(90.00)	
TR	26	9/16/2010	Sales/OHD	(123.00)	
TR	27	9/16/2010	BBQ Ticket Sales/OHD	(2,640.00)	
TR	101	1/14/2011	Sales/OHD	(10.00)	
TR	101	1/14/2011	RHS - Reimb OHD tent	(130.00)	
W	26	6/24/2011	Readsboro Lions Club BBQ	36146	841.02
Ending Balance			(1,073.00)		
FB Tent Gift Account - 27-3-000-576					
O	7/1/2010	Opening Balance	(1,376.66)		
Ending Balance			(1,376.66)		
FB Internet Kiosk Gift Acct - 27-32-000-580					
O	7/1/2010	Opening Balance	(112.60)		
Ending Balance			(112.60)		
FB Brian Vega Scholarship Gift Acct - 27-3-000-660					
O	7/1/2010	Opening Balance	(3,809.08)		
W	4	8/20/2010	Hobbs R - Scholarship	33551	250.00
TR	101	1/14/2011	Donation - LC, SH	(50.00)	
A	58	1/14/2011	Retd Ck	25.00	
TR	190	6/10/2011	Donations - GM, JM	(75.00)	
TR	190	6/10/2011	Donation - PTP	(157.90)	
W	26	6/24/2011	Hobbs G - Scholarship	36119	25.00
TR	202	6/28/2011	Donation - JM	(25.00)	
Ending Balance			(3,816.98)		
FB Library Gift Acct - 27-3-000-700					
O	7/1/2010	Opening Balance	(326.87)		
TR	28	9/16/2010	Donation - ME	(30.00)	
Ending Balance			(356.87)		

A = Adjusting Entries - Gen. Jnl.  
B = Budget Entries - Budget Jnl.  
W = Warrant Register  
O = Opening Balance

TR = Cash Receipts Journal  
CD = Cash Disbursement  
PW = Payroll Warrant  
PD = Payroll Disbursement

( ) = positive amount

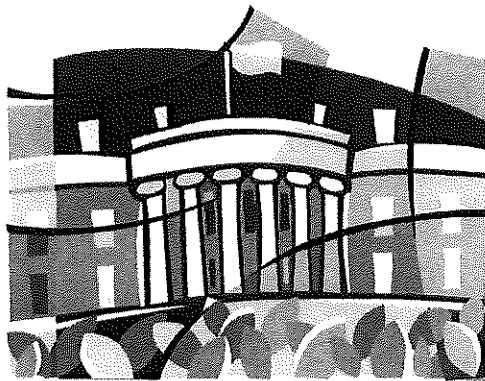
Ellen B. Miller  
Town Accountant



## Treasurer's Report - Fiscal Year 2011

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# PART V

## Regional Reports

# Franklin County Regional Housing & Redevelopment Authority

Rental Assistance • Housing Development • Housing Management • Community Development  
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## ANNUAL REPORT

October 1, 2010 - September 30, 2011

The Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority is a public body politic and corporate, created by the Massachusetts legislature in 1973 to serve the residents and communities of Franklin County. HRA has all of the powers and responsibilities of a local housing authority and a redevelopment authority in all 26 communities of Franklin County. Our services include housing education; development, ownership and management of affordable rental housing; administration of housing subsidies; homeownership and foreclosure prevention education and services; and Community Development Block Grant application and administration for Franklin County towns.

Housing Consumer Education Center HRA is part of a statewide network of nine regional Housing Consumer Education Centers that provide information, education, counseling, and referrals to individuals, families, organizations and businesses with housing-related questions or problems. HCEC staff work closely with social and human services providers to coordinate assistance to individuals and families in need, and conduct outreach to local banks, schools and utilities to provide information on housing-related resources.

HRA's knowledgeable, creative and capable HCEC staff served more than 2,200 clients in Franklin County from October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011. Types of clients included:

Tenants	61%
Homebuyers	13%
Homeowners	12%
Other agencies and client advocates	7%
Homeless households	5%
Landlords	2%
Other	1%

HCEC offers educational programs on housing-related topics and financial literacy. This year's workshops included:

- First Time Homebuyer series, six workshops serving 150 participants
- Credit for Life, a financial literacy program for high school students, offered this year in Franklin County at Mohawk Regional High School, involving 150 students in grades 11 and 12, and 40 community volunteers
- Housing Options, providing information about housing for people with disabilities to 48 social service providers in Franklin County
- Do-it-Herself DIVAs, a post-purchase educational series for women homeowners, with 11 participants and a waiting list for FY 2012.
- Outreach to regional lenders providing information on housing-related programs and services for low and moderate income households.

- An education workshop for landlords on Fair Housing laws and tenant selection, in cooperation with HAP Housing.

HCEC leads HRA's efforts to address homelessness in Franklin County. On a local level we are a working member of the Greenfield Area Overflow Shelter Committee. On a regional level, HCEC is represented in the Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness, a four-county effort to end homelessness. Family homelessness is a growing problem nationwide and in Massachusetts, and Franklin County is no exception to this trend.

In 2011, dozens of Franklin County families with dependent children were literally homeless, with no indoor place to sleep other than in their vehicles. Many more families could not afford housing and avoided being literally homeless by staying with friends or relatives. Common causes of family homelessness include job loss, domestic violence, serious health problems, foreclosure, fire and natural disaster. Immediately following Hurricane Irene in late August, HCEC worked closely with FEMA and MEMA to provide information on housing services to Franklin County families whose homes were made uninhabitable by flooding.

In August 2011, HRA began administering the HomeBASE program in Franklin County. HomeBASE is a new state program for homeless families with extremely low incomes and few or no assets. It is designed to prevent families at immediate risk of homelessness from losing their housing, and provide rapid re-housing services for families that become homeless. In the first two months of the program, 162 families in Franklin County were screened for HomeBASE eligibility. Fifteen of these families were found to be eligible. HRA is collaborating with staff at ServiceNet's Greenfield Family Inn to provide HomeBASE services.

HCEC also administers emergency assistance funds for families at risk of homelessness. This year, HRA assisted 50 Franklin County families with \$73,446.32 in funding from the state Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program. The assistance provided by RAFT is modest—from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars—and may be used to help families stabilize their housing, move to a new, more affordable housing situation, or pay bills that threaten their housing stability. In order to be eligible for this program, families must meet income eligibility criteria, and must be able to demonstrate that they can sustain their housing after receiving RAFT. Need for RAFT greatly exceeds the funding available for the program.

HCEC continues to offer foreclosure prevention services to Franklin County homeowners through a partnership with the Western Massachusetts Foreclosure Prevention Center run by HAPHousing. This fiscal year, 58 homeowners at risk of fore-

closure took advantage of this service. Foreclosure prevention services are most successful when homeowners seek assistance as soon as they know they are having difficulty making mortgage payments.

Sources of funding for the Housing Consumer Education Center in FY 2011 included:

- The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development
- The Massachusetts Attorney General's office
- Greenfield Savings Bank
- Greenfield Cooperative Bank
- Florence Savings Bank
- Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts
- Mary Lyon Foundation

### Asset Management

In FY 2011, HRA managed 262 units of affordable rental housing, including:

- 117 units of state-assisted public housing for elders and persons with disabilities, located in the towns of Bernardston, Gill, Montague, Northfield and Shelburne.
- 27 units of state-assisted public housing for families, located in the towns of Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Northfield and Orange.
- 48 apartments at the Crocker and Cutlery Block buildings in Montague.
- 26 single-room occupancy apartment for individuals in recovery from substance abuse at the Moltenbrey Building in Montague.
- 18 apartments at the Ashfield House in Ashfield.
- 16 units for men in recovery from substance abuse at the Orange Recovery House in Orange.
- 6 apartments for families at Prospect and Grove Apartments in Orange.
- 2 apartments for elders at the Smikes House in Whately.
- 2 fully-accessible apartments for people with disabilities at the Wisdom Way Solar Village in Greenfield.

Sources of revenue for property management include rent, subsidies and laundry income. Rent at public housing properties is set as a percentage of tenant income. At these properties, the state pays the difference between what tenants can afford and a maximum level of subsidy set by the Commonwealth each year. Unfortunately, the combination of rent and state subsidies is not sufficient to cover the costs of managing HRA's public housing properties, which results in long-term maintenance issues and strains on the agency's budget.

There were a total of 54 vacancies at properties owned or managed by HRA in 2011, excluding the Orange Recovery House. Vacancies are highest at the Moltenbrey Building, and higher at properties designed for families than in elderly/disabled developments. Of the vacancies, 30 units were left in good to very good condition, 16 in fair condition and 8 in poor to very poor condition. Poor conditions are not necessarily indicative of the tenant who vacated. While some damage results from smoking and tenant abuse, often the need for major renovations is the direct result of long tenancies, aging properties and the inadequate resources available to properly maintain them.

All vacant apartments are renovated to comply with current code requirements prior to being rented to a new tenant. The cost involved in turnover of vacant units presents a substantial financial challenge for HRA. Subsidies from the state do not cover the cost of maintaining public housing units to acceptable standards. This year, HRA requested \$64,436 in additional funding from the state to pay for materials and supplies, replacement of tools and equipment, and training for staff. Of the funding requested, we received \$61,936. Of the additional funding, the state required that \$14,447 be deposited in reserve accounts, which began the year with a negative balance. Use of this funding for staff education and training was denied.

HRA's hardworking and dedicated property management and maintenance staff has accomplished the turnover of tenancies and apartment renovations on a timely and efficient basis - in spite of the challenges posed by insufficient funding.

In 2011, HRA began implementing a no-smoking policy at all properties owned and/or managed by the agency. Smoking has been prohibited in common areas, such as community rooms, for many years. The new policy applies to individual apartments and outdoor areas within a perimeter specific to each property. Smoking in multi-family buildings creates unacceptable health risks from second-hand smoke for non-smoking tenants, staff and visitors. It increases the risk of fire. Finally, it imposes significant additional costs on Management when units are renovated.

In 2011, the Commonwealth implemented a new system for funding capital improvements at state-assisted public housing properties. In accordance with the new system, HRA developed and submitted capital improvement plans for its public housing properties. Capital needs far exceed the total of \$341,758 in funding that the state has allocated to HRA for the next three fiscal years, from October 2011 through September 2014.

In 2011, HRA replaced two inoperable boilers at a three-unit family public housing property in Charlemont. Funding for this project came from the federal stimulus bill. We were also awarded funding for installation of water saving low-flow toilets at three of our public elderly housing properties, and received CDBG funds for major repairs to Stratton Manor in Bernardston. Actual implementation of these projects will take place in the 2012 fiscal year.

### Leased Housing

HRA administers a total of 594 federal and state subsidies that allow low-income individuals and families to rent privately-owned housing or purchase their own homes.

In 2011, HRA served 15 families through the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP). The agency is using all of its vouchers allocated through this program. Eleven of the vouchers are project-based, which means that they are connected to a particular property. These vouchers subsidize rent for clients of a program run by Franklin County DIAL/SELF, Inc. that assists young adults to become self-sufficient, and The Positive Parenting Program run by the United ARC which helps stabilize at-risk families. HRA has only 4 mobile state vouchers, which can be used in any property that meets health and safety standards. This year, the state released a "freeze" on mobile vouchers, which means that agencies can now re-issue these subsidies to new households when they are released by a current user.

HRA's has 579 federal Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. Households with Section 8 vouchers pay a minimum of 30 percent and a maximum of 40 percent of their income toward housing and utilities; the program pays for the remainder. Subsidies may be used to pay rent (or a mortgage in limited cases) for apartments and homes that meet federal guidelines for affordability and safety. HRA's Section 8 program served 608 families including a total of 1,164 individuals in 2011. Of the agency's vouchers,

- 490 are mobile
- 89 are project-based
- More than 70 percent are held by female-headed households
- 363 federal vouchers are held by families where the head of household or the spouse is disabled, and
- 212 vouchers are held by families with children.

HRA has a long waiting list for Section 8 vouchers and is not currently accepting new applications for this program. Federal regulations require that seventy-five percent of vouchers be allocated to "extremely low income" households, which is defined as those earning less than 30% of area median income. In 2011, more than 85 percent of HRA's federal housing vouchers were held by families with extremely low incomes. FIRA gives preference to veterans who are eligible for vouchers.

The federal Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program is overseen by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The rules and regulations for this program are onerous, and change on a continuous basis. In 2011, staff in the Leased Housing department has been working to update HRA's Section 8 Administrative Plan to reflect changes in HUD rules, regulations and guidelines. This process will continue in 2012.

2011 marks the third consecutive year that HRA received a perfect score on the HUD Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP). This is a remarkable accomplishment that entitles the agency to receive the highest level of administrative payments possible for the Section 8 program. Congratulations to the Leased Housing staff for their hard work and attention to detail.

HRA collaborates with Greenfield Housing Authority in offering a family self sufficiency (FSS) program for Section 8 voucher holders. Holders of Section 8 vouchers are required to pay 30% of their income in rent. In general, when income rises, program participants are required to pay more rent. The FSS program allows participants to save increased earnings to achieve specific goals, such as earning a higher education degree or purchasing a home. HRA worked closely with Greenfield Housing Authority to update the administrative plan for the joint FSS program in 2011.

In FY 2011, 40 of HRA's Section 8 voucher holders were enrolled in the FSS program, with 24 participants contributing to escrows on a monthly basis. HRA has 10 clients who own their own home and use their Housing Choice Voucher to assist with the mortgage payments.

#### Community Development

The HIRA Community Development Department provides application preparation, program implementation and admin-

istrative services to Franklin County towns in connection with Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). CDBG is a federal funding source designed to benefit low and moderate income people. Cities and large municipalities receive CDBG funds on an entitlement basis directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development, while small communities are required to submit competitive applications to the state. Eligible activities for CDBG funds include public infrastructure improvements, housing rehabilitation, social services, architectural/engineering design, architectural barrier removal and planning projects.

In FY 2011, HRA administered CDBG grant-funded housing rehabilitation loan programs benefitting 118 households in 16 Franklin County towns. Income-eligible participants in these programs can borrow up to \$35,000 at zero interest to make health and safety improvements to their homes, including but not limited to repair or replacement of septic systems, wells, heating systems, plumbing and roofing and abatement of lead paint. Payment of the principal on these loans is due only when the property is sold or transferred. This year, HRA worked with Franklin County towns and the state to change the structure of housing rehabilitation loans. In most towns, 50 percent of funds loaned beginning in 2010 may be forgiven over a period of 15 years.

In 2011, CDBG grant-funded housing rehabilitation programs loaned more than \$1.4 million to help Franklin County households comply with current building and sanitary codes. All the work is done by local contractors selected by private property owners. HRA had grant funding available for housing rehabilitation loans in the following towns in FY 2011: Bernardston, Charlemont, Colrain, Heath, Leverett, Monroe, Montague, Orange, Northfield, Rowe, Shutesbury, Sunderland, Warwick, and Whately.

#### CDBG-funded Housing Rehabilitation Projects. FY 2011

Town	# projects	Total cost
Bernardston	1	\$500.00
Charlemont	2	\$80,150.00
Colrain	7	\$150,474.40
Heath	4	\$ 56,962.44
Leverett	4	\$ 97,296.20
Monroe	1	\$ 30,878.00
Montague	6	\$ 112,396.00
Orange	13	\$ 241,010.00
Northfield	7	\$ 175,599.73
Rowe	4	\$67,566.98
Shutesbury	6	\$ 155,961.80
Sunderland	2	\$ 16,367.00
Warwick	6	\$ 167,629.46
Whately	3	\$ 57,674.43
Total	66	\$1,410,466.44

HRA also administers a housing rehabilitation revolving loan program for many communities in Franklin County. The program receives the proceeds of previous CDBG loans that are paid off. These funds are then made available for the same purpose to income-eligible households in the same town. Twelve homeowners in eight towns took advantage of this program in 2011, resulting in total loans of more than \$200,000.

**Housing Rehab Revolving Loan Fund Projects. FY 2011**

Town	# projects	Total cost
Charlemont	2	\$30,295.00
Conway	1	\$33,700.00
Heath	2	\$27,413.23
Leverett	1	\$15,319.00
Montague	1	\$26,710.00
Shutesbury	2	\$14,766.99
Warwick	1	\$9,632.38
Wendell	2	\$60,303.11
Total	12	\$ 218,139.71

HRA oversaw the design and bidding process for a commercial façade improvement program in the Town of Orange in 2011 with funding from a previous CDBG grant. The state awarded \$900,000 in CDBG funding to the Town of Montague in 2011 for improvements to Unity Park and housing rehabilitation. The Town of Bernardston received \$308,000 in CDBG funding from the 2008 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (aka the federal stimulus bill) for improvements to the Stratton Manor public housing property.

HRA also provided Owner's Project Manager services for the new senior center in Erving under contract with the town in 2011.

Kudos to staff in the Community Development Department for keeping up with the work load in spite of losing two positions to attrition in FY 2011.

**Housing Development, in partnership with Rural Development, Inc.**

HRA works to develop affordable housing in Franklin County in partnership with its nonprofit affiliate, Rural Development, Inc. HRA's Executive Director serves as the unpaid Executive Director of RDI. RDI pays HRA for other personnel and administrative services.

**Home Ownership Program**

Following completion of 20 homes at the Wisdom Way Solar Village in Greenfield in September 2010, RDI suspended construction of new affordable homes due to lack of funding. RDI continues to market the five homes remaining at the Solar Village, including four three-bedroom homes and one four bedroom home. The Solar Village homes are available at steep discounts to households earning up to 90 percent of area median income, and significant discounts are available to households earning between 90 and 110 percent of area median income. RDI requested and receiving additional funding in 2011 to offer these homes at extremely affordable prices to low-income households.

**Other Housing Development**

HRA and RDI provide consulting services to other organizations and individuals developing affordable housing and mixed use properties in Franklin County. 2011 was an extremely challenging year for housing development, with more projects competing for historically low pools of funding.

RDI applied for funding on behalf of Franklin County DIAL/SELF, Inc., a Greenfield-based non-profit agency, to build supportive housing in Orange for teens who are homeless or at risk

of homelessness. The project did not receive funding in 2011. In conjunction with Greenfield Cooperative Bank, an application was re-submitted on September 28, 2011 and construction could begin in 2012 if funding is received.

HRA staff continued to provide accounting services in 2011 to owners of several commercial buildings in Greenfield that received New Market Tax Credits (NMTCs) and federal and state Historic Tax Credits. This year, we also assisted Greenfield Housing Associates in reviewing applications for residency in the newly construction addition to the Winslow Building on Wells Street to ensure compliance with federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit regulations.

**Administration and Finance**

All of the programs operated or administered by the HRA flow through the Fiscal Department. The work of the fiscal staff to account for and report on these programs is complex, demanding and critical to HRA's success. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

In October 2011, the HRA Board of Commissioners approved a FY 2011 annual operating budget showing \$2,887,351 in expenditures and \$2,760,421 in anticipated revenues, for a net operating deficit of \$126,931. The shortfall in anticipated funding resulted from several factors, the most significant being suspension of the home ownership program and a large decrease in funding from Community Development Block Grants, with only two new grants funded for the year. The Board of Commissioners authorized use of prior year reserves to cover the anticipated operating deficit in FY 2011. At the end of FY 2010, HRA had more than \$1.5 million in reserves.

As of September 30, 2011, unaudited internal financial reports for FY 2011 indicate \$2,890,454 in accrued expenses and \$2,891,644 in accrued income, including \$21,601 in prior year reserves.

Variances from the budget include:

- Lower than anticipated revenues from Section 8 administrative fees due to federal budget cuts
- Less revenue than anticipated from consulting on housing development
- Unanticipated revenue from the new state HomeBASE program
- Unanticipated revenue from fraud recovery in the Section 8 program
- Higher than anticipated revenue from the Housing Rehab Revolving Loan program
- Lower than anticipated expenditures on personnel expenses, due to vacancies in several positions that were not filled
- Higher than anticipated expenses for legal fees due to a personnel issue
- Higher than anticipated expenses for housing maintenance due to snow removal, vehicle repairs and equipment failure
- Lower than anticipated revenue for administrative expenditures on accounting fees, employee training, administrative contracts, office supplies and software.

Overall, management anticipates that revenue for FY 2011 will be approximately 18 percent lower than in FY 2010, and expenses will decrease by approximately 13 percent from the previous year. Between FY 2010 and FY 2011, HRA lost nine positions; four through layoff and five through attrition. HRA's largest sources of funding are federal, and continuing cuts in federal revenue are very likely due to political and economic conditions.

Many thanks are due to HRA's hard-working staff. Our employees did a great job of running their programs while controlling expenses. FY 2011 marks the second year in a row that the agency was unable to offer increases in compensation. The majority of HRA's employees have not have increases in salary or wages since October 2008. The only exceptions are employees who were hired at probationary rates of pay, and maintenance staff, whose compensation is set by the state. The cost of health insurance and other benefits has increased significantly over the last several years, which means that employees' net pay has actually decreased. Unfortunately, this situation will not change in 2012.

#### **Board of Commissioners**

HRA has an 11-member Board of Commissioners. All commissioners reside in Franklin County. Nine members are appointed by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments for five year terms; none of these appointees may be from the same community. Two Commissioners are appointed by the Governor and serve until they are replaced. The Board of Commissioners meets once a month, generally on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 pm at the HRA office. All meetings are open to the public.

#### **HRA Commissioners in FY2011**

Jessica Atwood, Greenfield (Governor's Appointee)

Leslie Brown, Erving

Caryl Conner, Greenfield

Sharon Cottrell, Montague

Corrie Garnett, Gill

Linda Hoer, Leverett, (Treasurer)

\*Claire McGinnis, Sunderland

\*Leo Parent, Erving

Bruce Parkin, Shutesbury, (Vice-Chair)

Jo-Ann Sherburne, Colrain, (Chair)

\*Sharon Tracy, New Salem

Jonathan Tuttle, Shutesbury (Governor's appointee)

\*Resigned from the Board in FY 2011

The Housing Authority expresses its gratitude to Commissioners Clair McGinnis, Leo Parent and Sharon Tracy, who left the board in 2011. The HRA Board and staff are happy to welcome Jessica Atwood of Greenfield as Governor's appointee, as well as Leslie Brown of Erving and Sharon Cottrell of Montague, who were appointed by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments this year.

#### **Staff**

##### **HRA Staff in FY2011**

\*Andrei Agapov, Maintenance Mechanic/Laborer

Frank Aronson, Information Services Specialist

Chris Austin, Cost Accountant

Joan Bernstein, Assistant Executive Director; Acting Director of HCEC

Nathaniel Best, Housing Rehabilitation Specialist

Cynthia Bleil, Outreach and Education Coordinator

Debran Brocklesby, Property Manager

Christina Chapman, Leased Housing Representative

Donna Cote, Director of Community Development

Melanie Croteau, Leased Housing Representative

Linda Davenport, Director of Leased Housing

Charity Day, Community Development Administrative Assistant; HCEC Coordinator

Carmen DeLuca, Ashfield House Laundry Manager

Tern Doherty, Director of Asset Management

Mark Fortier, Maintenance Mechanic/Laborer

Stanley Gadomski, Leased Housing Inspector

\*Joanne Glier, Housing Consumer Education Center Director

Tammy Greene, Leased Housing Administrative Assistant

Pat Holloway, Receptionist

Bruce Hunter, Assistant Director of Community Development

Wayne Jackman, Maintenance Mechanic/Laborer

Erik Jernstrom, Maintenance Mechanic/Laborer

\*Kathy Kroll, Housing Supports Coordinator/Grant Writer

Denise LeDuc, Finance Director

Matthew Leger-Small, Administrative Services Coordinator

Debra Little, Community Development Program Manager

\*Ken Little, Housing Rehabilitation Specialist

Brian McHugh, Construction Coordinator

Tracy Miner, Property Manager

\*Anne Perkins, Homeownership Program Director

Ciera Rodriguez-Jones, Leased Housing Representative

Clara Rowan, Accounting Clerk/Bookkeeper

Todd Seavey, Maintenance Mechanic/Laborer

Robin Sherman, Executive Director

Kerry Wyman, Staff Accountant

\*Employee left HRA in FY 2011

# Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

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To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to the twenty-two member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

A review of recycling tonnage for 2011 shows an increase from 2010. This is the first time in many years that the regional recycling tonnage has increased. District residents recycled over 1,900 tons of paper and over 1,100 tons of mixed containers. The recyclable material was processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility. Recycling market prices remained high in 2011. District towns received a total of \$131,500 in revenue for their recyclables.

In 2011, the District sponsored spring and fall “Clean Sweep” collections for bulky items, electronics, tires, appliances, and anything too big to fit into a trash bag. Almost 70 tons of material was recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 550 households participated.

We also held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2011. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. There were 336 households that participated in this event. 52% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We continue to work with public schools to improve their recycling programs as well as to implement programs to collect food waste for composting. The District also provides hands-on assistance to businesses and institutions that want to recycle or compost their waste. Recycling and composting assistance was provided to 30 public events. In 2011 we used a state grant to build 20 new recycling/composting stations for the Franklin County Fair. Over 8,000 pounds of material were diverted from disposal. Of this total 2,000 pounds of food waste were collected and composted.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 772-2438, visit our website at [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org), or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*  
Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain - *Chair*  
Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Vice-Chair*  
Andrea Donlon, Buckland - *Treasurer*



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments

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## Highlights of 2011 Accomplishments for the region

### To The Franklin County Residents

This year, our member towns and the region benefited from access to professional services at the FRCOG, including town accounting, building and health inspection, town nursing, co-operative purchasing and professional land use and emergency planning and advocacy.

The FY 2012 Voluntary Membership Assessment was level funded for the third year in a row and has decreased by 9.3% since 2001, indicating our commitment to serving the municipalities of Franklin County in the best possible way at the lowest possible cost.

With advocacy from the FRCOG, \$20 million of stimulus funding was devoted to safety improvements on Rte. 2 in Orange, making the total investment close to \$70 million since 1995.

The Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program (FC-CIP) launched on-line permitting software in its 15 member towns, which has made permit applications easier for residents, towns and contractors, has improved response time, and has improved the efficiency of the FCCIP.

\$450,000 of new Homeland Security funds was invested in the Franklin County Emergency Communication System (FCECS) to improve emergency communication service in the region.

The FRCOG was active in helping towns recover after Tropical Storm Irene and is working with our legislative delegation to

seek financial assistance for towns. The Regional Preparedness staff is also leading a study of regional response to make sure we can all learn from our experience.

The FRCOG has secured another \$200,000 brownfields grant from the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assess brownfields contamination in local towns.

The FRCOG's Community Coalition for Teens was awarded a new grant to begin countywide planning for wellness and chronic disease prevention.

The towns of Franklin County will finally have access to a well-maintained kennel and regional dog officer based at the Sheriff's Office. FRCOG staff led the planning effort.

In the spring of 2012, the FRCOG staff will finally move under one roof for the first time in 18 years—in the Franklin Regional Transit Center.

It is our great pleasure to serve the residents of Franklin County with efficient, effective municipal services at a regional level. We are proud of our professional staff and our ability to advocate effectively for the county at the regional, state and federal level, as well as our ability to leverage outside funds to meet local needs. We are grateful to our leaders, the town representatives and regionally-elected members of the Council from every town in Franklin County. For more information on what we do, please visit us at [www.frcog.org](http://www.frcog.org).

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## FRRS (Franklin Regional Retirement System)

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### 2010 Annual Report

In accordance with M.G.L. 32 § 20(5)(i), a full copy of the 2010 annual report of the retirement system is available on the "Financial Reports" page at our website: [www.FRRSMA.com](http://www.FRRSMA.com). The FRRS fiscal year ends December 31<sup>st</sup>; therefore, the 2010 report is the most current report available.

Sincerely,

Dale Kowacki  
Executive Director

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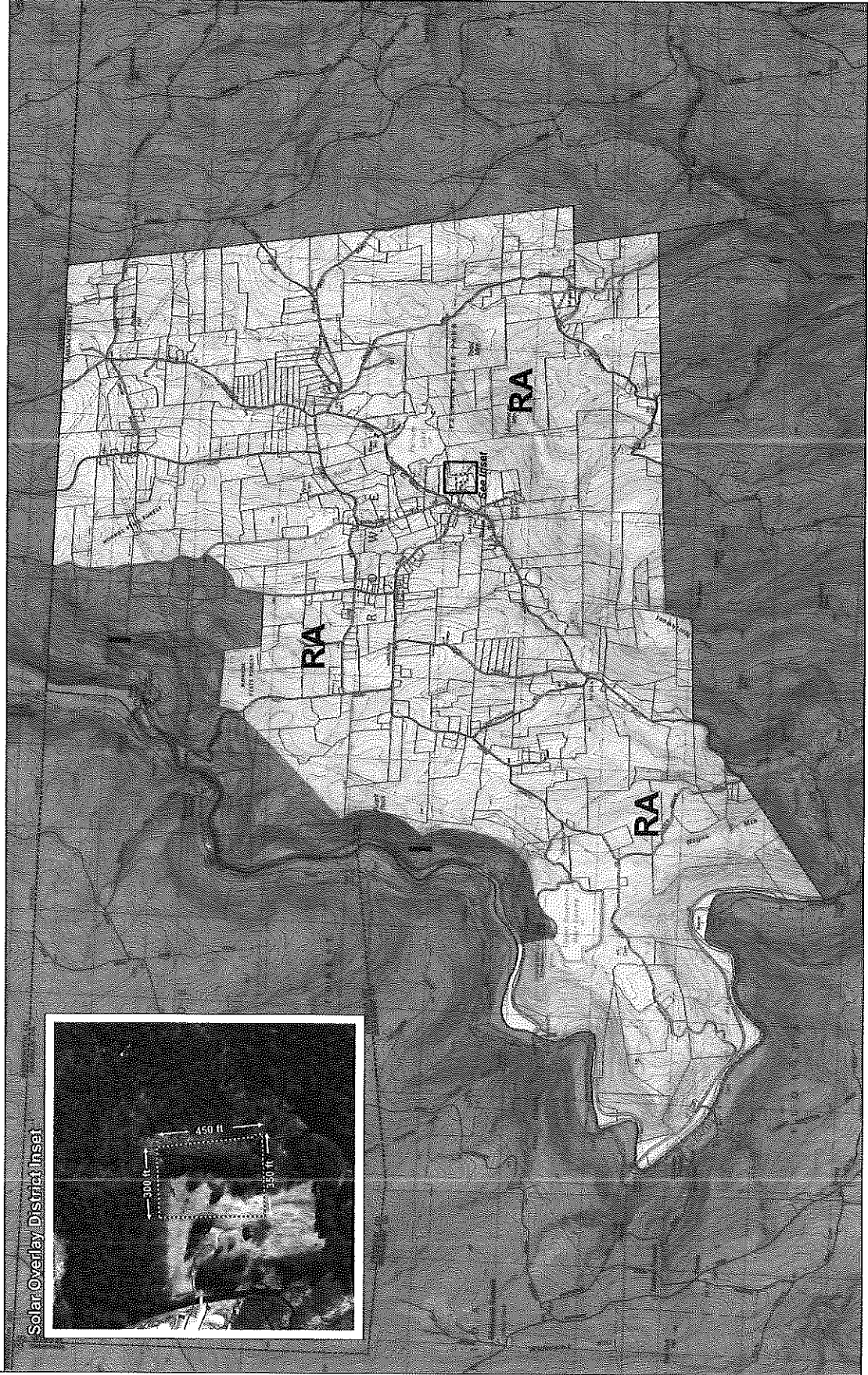
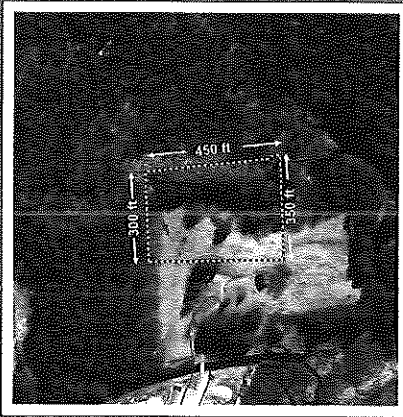
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# Town of Rowe Official Zoning Map With Solar Overlay District



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Solar Overlay District Inset



Zoning



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Note: Zoning districts shown on this map are based on the 1995 Zoning Ordinance, as amended. The 1995 Zoning Ordinance is the basis for the 2011 Zoning Map. The 2011 Zoning Map is the official zoning map of the Town of Rowe.